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## Shock NHS figures show human cost of legal high party drugs

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MORE than 230 thrill-seekers have been admitted to hospital after taking legal drugs over the past three years, prompting fresh calls to target loopholes in the law.

New figures show there were 237 such admissions in Medway between January, 2009, and June, 2012, amounting to more than five a month.

In 2010, there was a spike in the number of people being admitted to Medway Maritime Hospital. This dropped in 2011, but so far this year there has been around one admission a week.

Some of these are attributed to methadone poisoning, which is used to wean people off heroin and other types of prescribed narcotics.

But some are listed as "unspecified" and likely to be linked to people using legal drugs for recreational use.

In recent years the party scene has been hit with different types of legal highs, some of which are now controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act, such as mephedrone, also known as Meow Meow, BZP and GBL.

Revellers take the drugs – often marked as 'plant food, not for human consumption' – as an alternative to Class A substances like cocaine and ecstasy.

Symptoms include reduced inhibitions, drowsiness and excited states.

But they can also cause an erratic heartbeat, coma, seizures and death.

A number of high-profile deaths, including two in Canterbury earlier this year, has led to demands to ban such substances.

Hugo Wenn, 17, and Daniel Lloyd, 25, were found dead in a pond in January in Canterbury. Toxicology results showed both had Methoxetamine, also

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## KAT MISSES TARGET

**CLOSE:** Kat Driscoll narrowly missed out on Olympic trampoline finals – **SEE SPORT**

### CAMPAIGN

## Airport funds plan attacked

AIRPORT bosses have condemned funding plans for Lord Foster's hub airport vision. In comments which can only help to damage proposals for an airport in the Thames Estuary, owners of British Airways and Heathrow criticised the funding plan for the architect's Isle of Grain proposal.

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### FOOTBALL

## Ben, 7, is lining up for Man City

SEVEN-year-old Ben Crockett from Gillingham will be the envy of every schoolboy on Sunday when he walks out alongside a Manchester City star at the start of the Community Shield. He will be joined two other Kent mascots who also won a competition to be player mascots.

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### SPORT

## 'We've got a good attitude'

MARTIN Allen has praised the spirit of his Gillingham squad which he believes is now ready for the new season. Allen has been in charge for more than a month and is happy with the progress his side have made in pre-season, and is especially pleased with the attitude and discipline.

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## CAMPAIGN

# Foster's 'crazy' funding plan for hub airport good news for campaigners

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AIRPORT bosses have condemned funding plans for Lord Foster's hub airport vision.

In comments which can only help to damage proposals for an airport in the Thames Estuary, owners of British Airways and Heathrow criticised the funding plan for the architect's Isle of Grain proposal.

Last month Lord Foster and his team devised a plan they believe would help raise funds to pay for the new airport, which would be part of a multi-billion pound, four-runway transport hub on the north Kent coast.

They proposed funding the airport partly through landing charges – around £8 billion – paid by airlines operating at Heathrow between 2018 and 2028.

A further £11bn, they claim, could come from landing charges at the new airport in the decade after its opening in 2028.

The total estimated bill for the estuary airport is being put at around £23bn by Lord Foster – £20bn for the airport and £3bn to provide rail links to the hub, although campaigners argue costs are more likely to reach the £50bn mark.

Lord Foster's team said funding could also be acquired through development of land around the proposed hub airport, and the closure and redevelopment of Heathrow.

But chief executive of International Airlines Group – the parent of BA – Willie Walsh dismissed the "crazy" suggestion of using landing fees.

He told the Financial Times: "The idea that airlines currently operating at Heathrow would fund the development of an airport they are not going to use, to the tune of £8bn, is crazy, and we will fight it."

He said the "bottom line" was that airlines operating at Heathrow have not committed to go to the new airport and "won't commit".

Chief of Heathrow's operator BAA, Colin Matthews, said the company was not interested in relinquishing Heathrow in exchange for a stake in a new hub in the Thames Estuary.

He said to take an interest "you have to think



**RICIDULED:** Funding plan for Estuary airport would see Heathrow Airport charge airlines landing fees

it is going to happen, and we don't think it is going to happen".

For Lord Foster's funding plan to go ahead it would also need approval from the Government and regulators.

This latest clash by airline bosses and Lord Foster will add fuel to the anti-airport fight. Campaigners – including this newspaper – are battling plans for an airport on the north Kent coast.

A number of options have been put forward, including Lord Foster's transport hub including an airport, rail links and energy distribution routes, and London Mayor Boris Johnson's hope of a floating airport in the Thames estuary.

But while they push forward with their visions, this latest funding spat and the opportunity of alternatives, including a third runway at Heathrow, could see their dreams in tatters.

Medway Council is vehemently opposed to any such airport and said with capacity in the South East an issue, better use should be made of existing runway capacity.

"An airport on the estuary would not only cost tens of billions to build, it would also be on the wrong side of London, on a site shared with one of Europe's largest liquefied natural gas plants and have a devastating impact on local communities, with many villages simply being

wiped out," said a council spokesman.

"There are already five airports serving London – two more than New York has – and existing runways such as Manston could be better used to meet the needs of the capital.

"High-speed rail links to Birmingham will also unlock the potential of its airport.

"A report by Parsons Brinckerhoff, expert aviation consultants, also found that capacity could be increased at many of the South East's existing airports all within existing planning consent.

"For example, it states that capacity could increase by more than six million at Gatwick, from 40,000 to one million at Manston and at Stansted it could be almost doubled."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## ➔ Metal thief sentenced

A METAL thief has been sentenced to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work within the next 12 months.

Dariusz Gawron, 39, of New Road Avenue, Chatham, was sentenced at Medway Magistrates' Court. He pleaded guilty to metal theft. Two other offences of metal theft were admitted and taken into consideration.

On April 14, Gawron stole copper worth £100 from a building in Canterbury Street, Gillingham.

## ➔ Antisocial training call

MEDWAY councillor Craig Mackinlay, who will be the Tory candidate in the Police and Crime Commissioner elections has backed calls from the Royal Society for the Arts for the public to be given lessons in tackling antisocial behaviour. He said: "Police can never be everywhere and at the exact time to deal with antisocial behaviour."

"The idea that police officers should train members of the public to deal with anti-social behaviour is superb."

## ➔ Don't trim your hedge

GARDENERS in Medway have been asked not to trim their hedges too soon, as they may disturb nesting birds and their young. Warmer and drier August weather means people are more likely to tackle overgrown hedges, but the RSPB recommends leaving them until the end of the month to allow nesting garden birds to breed safely. Samantha Stokes, from RSPB South East, said: "The hedge is a place of safety for many birds, especially in urban areas, as they may be the only suitable nesting places for birds."

## EXHIBITION

# Photomontage of Queen is heaven sent as cathedral displays image

THE amazing montage of more than 5,000 photographs pieced together to make a spectacular bus-sized portrait of the Queen is on show in Medway.

The incredible artwork is currently on display at Rochester Cathedral.

It was created by artist Helen Marshall to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The BBC made appeals for people in Kent and the South East to send in their snaps for inclusion, and were overwhelmed.

The result is a double portrait of the Queen, featuring her at the time of her coronation and in the present day.

Dean of Rochester, The Very Reverend Dr Mark Beach said: "In this year of celebration it is a delight to have this wonderful picture of the Queen on display at the cathedral.

"I hope many people will visit our beautiful cathedral and enjoy all that Rochester has to offer for a family day out."

Because of its sheer size, picking locations for



public viewing is tough – it was previously seen at Margate's Turner Contemporary.

This time it will be in the nave at the cathedral until August 19, and entrance is free.

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## HEALTH

# Athletes celebrate life at Transplant Games

By Chris Murphy

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AFTER the thrill of the Olympics comes the British Transplant Games, which are being held in Gillingham for the first time.

It's one of the largest multi-sport events in the UK, with 600 transplant patients taking part in track and field events, such as running, the high jump and a mini-marathon.

Competitors have spoken of their battle against adversity and a gritty determination not to let their operations beat their desire to compete.

Organised by Medway Council, the games take place at Medway Park, from August 23-26 and the events are free to watch.

Laurence Sandum, 52, from Canterbury received new kidneys after being diagnosed with renal failure in his 30s.

He said: "While I had been given a new lease of life and my two daughters, who were 10 and seven at the time, had their dad back, I knew a terrible price had been paid. I felt so sad that somewhere, a family was griev-



ing for their loved one."

Sue Hills, 54, from Ashford, had a kidney transplant at 39.

The chairman of the Kent Kidney Patients Association said: "My donor was a 28-year-old man who had died in a road traffic accident. I am so grateful that he was carrying his donor card and that his family supported his decision."

"It changed my life."

Sandie Tiley, 60, from Birch-

ington, had a kidney at 48 from her best friend. She said: "It was a special time for us both as we travelled to and from Guy's Hospital in London. We kept each other's morale up and remained positive."

By the time she was just 18 months old, Nadine Guest, from Deal, already had both her kidneys removed and was on dialysis four times a week.

Now six, she has spent much



**ALIVE:** Kidney recipients Nadine Guest, Sandie Tiley, and Sue Hills have all previously won medals at the British Transplant Games



"Out of something so awful came some good. James saved the lives of three people – and that has had such a positive impact on our grieving."

Dr Robert Stewart, co-medical director of NHS Kent and Medway, said there are 239 people in Kent and Medway waiting for an organ transplant and the gap between those in need and organ numbers is "getting wider".

He said: "Around 618,000 people in Kent and Medway are donor card carriers. One donor can save the lives of several people. Between April 2010 and March 2011, 3,740 organ transplants were carried out in the UK thanks to 2,044 donors."

"Organs are often donated by living donors, who give an organ to a loved one."

"They are also donated by strangers motivated by the desire to help those in need and families who make the incredibly difficult decision to donate a loved one's organs in the midst of their grief."

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of her early life in hospital.

Mum Adele said: "All she talks about is the British Transplant Games, as it is great fun and a chance to meet up with friends she's met at hospital over the years."

Phil Penhaligan, 46, from Larkfield, donated his kidney in 2010 to his nine-year-old son. He said: "George was healthy but contracted meningococcal septicaemia in 2006, aged five.

He lost the function of both kidneys, some fingers and fingertips. It nearly killed him, he was in hospital for three months."

And Verlie Mayes, 65, from Bearsted, allowed organs from her son James, 20, to be used when was brain damaged.

The retired nurse and midwife said: "Even in our grief, we didn't hesitate. We knew it was what he would have wanted. It was the right thing to do."

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HOTSHOT: City's Mario Balotelli

## FOOTBALL

# We're loving it: trio set to escort football stars at Community Shield

By Dean Kilpatrick

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IT'S a dream of many boys to walk out onto the pitch alongside the world's best footballers, but for three Kent youngsters it will become a reality.

Luke King, Charlie Stephens and Ben Crockett will accompany Chelsea and Manchester City players ahead of the Community Shield match on Sunday.

The trio will be players' mascots in front of a capacity Villa Park in Birmingham and a world-wide television audience of millions.

They entered a McDonald's competition to be at the curtain-raiser for the 2012-13 football season alongside FA Cup winner's Chelsea and Premier League title winners Manchester City.

The prospect of walking alongside the likes of Frank Lampard and Carlos Tevez is proving to be quite a thrill for the young boys.

One of the lucky three is seven-year-old Ben Crockett from Gillingham.

Ben had always wanted to see a Premier League side in action and managed to see Stoke City when they played Gillingham at Priestfield in the FA Cup in January.

However, he now has the chance to walk out

with the Premiership title winners in sky blue.

His dad Simon Crockett said: "Most of the club Ben plays for will be watching TV and a lot of our friends will be too."

"It's going to be strange seeing him on the pitch with 22 of the best players in England."

Joining Ben will be Luke King, 8, from Dartford. Luke said: "I can't wait to walk out onto the pitch with all those fans."

"When my mum told me I had won, I was so excited. All my friends at school are going to watch the game on TV and look out for me."

His mother Tina Bolton said: "He's an Arsenal fan, so when I told him he would have to put a Chelsea shirt on, he wasn't too keen, but when I explained what it was about he was really excited. He hopes to hold Frank Lampard's hand."

"It's going to be amazing."

Luke will be with the Chelsea squad while the other Kent boys will line-up next to City.

Last of the three, nine-year-old Charlie Stephens, from Aylesford, also plays for a youth team and said he couldn't wait to meet the likes of Mario Balotelli and Joe Hart.

He said: "I'm very excited. I have told some of my aunts and uncles, but I haven't told many of my friends so it'll be a big surprise."



**LEAD THE WAY:** Charlie Stephens and Ben Crockett will walk out at Villa Park on Sunday alongside the players from Chelsea and Man City



Mum Maureen added: "I'm not sure who is more excited – his dad or Charlie. Charlie's really into football and he's very up on the players. I'm excited because it's a really big opportunity."

The trio will also get to meet World Cup winner Sir Geoff Hurst in the run up to kick-off.

Sir Geoff, McDonald's director of football, said: "This year's FA Community Shield looks set to be a great match. I'm sure we'll see lots of passion on and off the pitch and it will be a great experience for the youngsters – one they'll never forget."

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## LAW

## More accused will be tried using 'virtual court' system

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THE 'virtual court' system is being expanded across Kent with the aim of speeding up justice

Just weeks ago, a Lithuanian lorry driver was banned for drink driving just two hours after being charged by the police.

He had been stopped at Dover, breathalysed and found to be four times over the limit. He was charged at 9.21am, and after appearing before a magistrate using the virtual court system, he was banned from the road at 11.35am.

The system uses high-tech equipment so a defendant can sit in front of a camera in a special room at a police station, and be seen in a courtroom. Trials and hearings are then conducted in the normal way.

So far more than 2,200 people in the county have appeared using the new system, since it was introduced in May, 2009.

Just a couple of stations were equipped at its launch, but this has now been extended to Ebbsfleet, Medway, Maidstone, Tonbridge, Folkestone, Margate, and Canterbury.

The Ministry of Justice said: "In addition we have live links in operation at Ashford, Coldharbour and Bluewater. Kent is a shining beacon in country for this technology."

At first witnesses were not used in the system, but Kent wanted to include them.



A ministry spokesman said: "Kent already uses video technology for witnesses giving evidence both from police stations and a court."

And she revealed Kent wants to go yet another step, and said: "Warrant application discussions are underway, but not in use yet."

Policing and criminal justice minister Nick Herbert said: "We are making the criminal justice system more efficient to the local communities it serves."

"Virtual courts are playing a key part in this. We have seen already they can be used successfully in areas such as Kent and that they help us to work with local police and the courts to ensure speedy and effective justice."

And Det Insp Claire Nix added: "The use of the virtual court system in Kent has been a success. We have saved a huge amount of police time."

Time is saved by not physically transferring defendants or having police officers travel.



## COMPETITION

# Artists invited to show off their talent at the dockyard

By Chris Murphy

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WOULD-BE artists and full-time professionals are being invited to send in their work to the Historic Dockyard Chatham to take part in a competition.

The heritage attraction has just announced the return of its popular Art in the Dockyard competition.

Now, professionals and amateurs over 17 years of age who live, work or study in Kent, can register their interest in the competition before November 4.

They can potentially see their artwork exhibited at the No 1 Smithery Gallery, which has hosted art exhibitions from internationally known artists such as Stanley Spencer and Billy Childish.

The organisers say they are hoping to discover outstanding and inspirational artists who will capture the spirit and extraordinary character of the dockyard.

Artists can choose from seven



categories: landscape; figurative/portrait; abstract; photography; sculpture/ceramic; mixed media including textiles; and a special category for this year called Jubilee, celebrating the dockyard from 1952-2012.

Entrants have until January 18, 2013, to submit their work, which can be digital images or slides.

Those selected at the first stage

will go on to exhibit in the Public Art in the Dockyard exhibition, from February and May. Once exhibited, an independent panel of judges will be awarding prizes in each category and presenting the overall Artist of The Dockyard 2013 and Young Artist of the Dockyard 2013 titles and prizes.

Artists are being requested to register their interest in this compe-



## CREATIVE:

Last year's winners included, from left, Ian Campbell Briggs' King Post, Sharon Pallent's The Commissioner's House, and Sheilagh Dyson's Victory Incarnate bag

tition now, by completing and sending in the official registration form, which can be downloaded from [www.thedockyard.co.uk](http://www.thedockyard.co.uk) or requested on 01634 823800, and pay a £15 registration fee. This will provide the artist with unlimited access to the Historic Dockyard, not including the galleries, so they can gather research and ideas for their work.

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However, my brother-in-law says that if my interest is enough to take me back above the tax threshold, then I should pay tax on it after all.

**A** YOUR brother-in-law is right. The basic rule is that banks and building societies deduct 20pc tax from your interest. You can have your interest paid in full only if your total income is below the tax threshold.

For most people, the current tax threshold is £8,105. (The figure is higher for over-65s on a modest income, but you have not said that you are entitled to this.)

If your pay plus interest together amount to less, then fill in form R85 and your bank or building society will pay your interest gross.

However, if your pay plus interest take you above the threshold, your interest must be taxed. But this is not the end of the story. Suppose your tax threshold is £8,105, and your pay is £8,000, while interest is £200.

You would have spare tax allowances of £105, so you could reclaim part of the tax by filling in claim form R40 and submitting it to HMRC.

**Q** I HAVE been approached by Carbon Commodities Trading Ltd, with the offer of buying into the carbon credits market. The company brochure says it is not regulated by the Financial Services Authority. What, if any, are the things to be wary of with this type of investment?

**A** CARBON Commodities Trading changed its name last September to Carbon Commodities Consulting. The fact that the old name still appears on its website and in its brochure says something about the business's efficiency, or lack of it.

That said, the company does not need to register with the FSA for the simple reason that carbon credits were not invented when the laws creating the watchdog body were passed. As a result, investors facing difficulties cannot call on the ombudsman for help, and there is no compensation scheme.

So there are a few things to be wary of. But the biggest worry is that dozens of firms sell carbon credits as an investment, yet there is no proper way to turn those credits back into cash.

You would be buying a certificate saying the holder has voluntarily put money into something such as a forestry project, and is therefore allowed to produce a certain amount of carbon. Fine – but there is no stock

**TONY HETHERINGTON**  
MONEY CLINIC



exchange or similar body that trades in carbon certificates. Unless the company can produce convincing evidence that your certificate could be sold later, you might as well be throwing your money away.

**Q** I WROTE recently about a missing investment in a Credit Suisse unit trust.

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**A** WHEN we published your letter, it looked as if this was just a case of old records that had been lost.

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If Credit Suisse has found the sale instruction, it should be able to say where the money was sent.

But really, you should consider informing the police.

**Q** MY partner and I are buying our house in joint names, and we share the mortgage repayments. What happens if one of us dies and relatives claim half the property? Neither of us could afford to pay half the value of the house.

**A** MOST title deeds are worded so that the survivor would automatically become sole owner of the property, so do get a solicitor to check your deeds. And you could, of course, each make a will naming the other as beneficiary.

**Q** HAVE you heard of government war stock? I have a certificate for £400 that has been in my family for many years. Is it worth anything?

**A** WAR stock was first issued by the government almost a century ago, to raise cash World War One. It still trades on the stock market, and a £400 certificate is worth about £380.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

## 'Marmite effect' of the packaged bank account

With more and more of us paying for packaged bank accounts, the regulator has announced new rules for providers. **ADAM AIKEN** reports

THE pros and cons of packaged bank accounts have been thrust back into the spotlight with the publication of new rules by the regulator.

A packaged account is a current account that charges a monthly fee in return for add-ons, such as insurance policies or discounts on other products. The fees can add up to more than £400 a year.

Financial providers like to highlight the total potential value of these add-ons, but critics point out that many of the benefits remain unused, and some prove to be totally unsuitable for certain people.

Under the new rules published by the Financial Services Authority (FSA), banks and building societies will be obliged to check whether customers are eligible to claim on insurance cover before selling them packaged accounts.

The FSA – which said that 20pc of people now have packaged accounts – also said that from the end of March next year, financial providers will need to provide an annual eligibility statement for each customer.

"These products are often referred to as 'upgraded accounts', but if you end up paying for an element you can't claim on, it's money down the drain," said Sheila Nicoll, the FSA's director of policy.

"We are closely monitoring the promotion of packaged bank accounts, and the new rules will make sure customers know what they're buying and that they can rely on the product or have the limitations explained before buying."

The FSA said it was looking at further measures, including the possibility of customers being sent eligibility statements as separate mailings. There are concerns eligibility statements alongside a regular bank statement could be overlooked by consumers.

Kevin Mountford, head of banking at Moneysupermarket.com, said: "The announcement by the FSA confirms proposals to ensure customers are eligible for insurance cover offered as part of a packaged bank account."

"It's also a positive move to see the requirement of annual eligibility statements as this should help remind people to check their benefits are suitable for their needs."

"It is encouraging the FSA will continue to look into improving transparency in the packaged account market for banking customers, helping them to shop around."

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Source: Moneyfacts.co.uk

Michael Ossei, an analyst at Us-which.com, said: "Packaged bank accounts are the Marmite of the banking industry – people either love them or hate them. But with almost 10 million consumers using them, they seem to be here to stay."

"Certainly, for some people, they can offer good value, offering a number of benefits. Some consumers are also attracted by the convenience factor. However, many see fee-paying accounts as a waste of money."

"The problem is that many of those who are paying a fee are not using the benefits – just one-in-three packaged account holders use the benefits regularly."

"With annual fees of up to £420, it's important that consumers work out if packaged accounts are right for them. And with so many accounts out there to choose from, consumers need to do their homework and shop around for what suits them best before signing on the dotted line."

Research by Moneyfacts.co.uk has found that of 19 providers offering packaged accounts, there are more than 38 extras available, ranging from death cover to discounts on loans to tax services (see panel).

"The number and the depth of the benefits vary greatly between accounts," said Moneyfacts spokesman Sylvia Waycot.

"It is easy to see what you are getting with some benefits, but others are more difficult."

"Discounted bank products or discounts at certain shops/restaurants could well be beaten by shopping around and you need to ask yourself

would you buy from that store anyway. Even those benefits that offer true appeal should be considered carefully. Customers can find the full documentation and policy details literally run to 100 pages, many with smallprint."

Moneyfacts said the notes that accompanied the Royal Bank of Scotland packaged account were 100 pages long, while Halifax's were close behind at 90 pages.

"The policies may make unpleasant reading as you find you are unsuitable for the insurance or the excesses are prohibitive," said Ms Waycot.

"Travel insurance needs particular attention as cover can cease at varying ages, even breakdown cover needs to be checked as older cars can be excluded."

"Mobile phone cover sounds simple, except it could cover theft but not loss, while damage cover may include accidental but not malicious. The number of permitted claims may vary with the value of the phone, and the level of cover for unauthorised calls needs to be considered."

"Trying to appeal to as much of the market as possible has resulted in increased chances of consumers not using all the benefits offered."

Mr Ossei, at Us-which, said the new FSA rules would benefit not only consumers. "They will also protect the banks," he said. "With so much scrutiny over the mis-selling of financial products, these rules will now help the banks to ensure that they are promoting packaged accounts in a consumer-friendly and appropriate way."

## TECHNOLOGY

# Rural areas 'miss out' on broadband benefits as speed overtakes access

By Marijke Cox

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COUNTY Hall chiefs behind a major project aimed at bringing superfast broadband to communities across Medway have insisted it will make a substantial difference to everyone.

This follows criticism by the House of Lords communications committee, which has claimed the nationwide Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) project, which includes the Kent County Council scheme, is "preoccupied with speed rather than access".

The committee argued that instead of focusing on superfast broadband and enhancing services for those who already have good connections, there needed to be the creation of a "future proof" national network to give everyone access to broadband.

KCC is working in partnership with government agency BDUK to deliver the county's scheme to ensure properties have access to either a superfast or basic service by 2015.

The authority has invested £10 million in the upgrade and the Government has match-funded this with £9.87m.

Broadband providers will invest the remaining £23m needed as long as there is demand, and so KCC launched the Make Kent Quicker campaign so people could register their desire for the service.

But this latest criticism from the House of Lords' committee claims such projects are focused too much on speed and not access, particularly for rural communities who miss out.



**TARGETS:** Kent County Council has defended the Make Kent Quicker campaign as a key step towards improving broadband

A KCC spokesman argued, however, that the county's scheme looked to transform the network in Kent and Medway, with at least 90 per cent of properties accessing superfast services by 2015 and the remaining 10 per cent having basic speeds of at least 2Mb per second.

"These targets for the Kent and Medway project are in line with the Government's published targets for broadband," he said.

"Signing up to these targets is a condition of securing the available government funding.

"It is clear that the approach recommended by the House of Lords' committee is dependent on significant reforms to the regulations that govern the broadband market.

"These are changes that the regulator Ofcom has recently stated it is not minded to undertake. Without these changes, their recommendations cannot be achieved.

"We believe the current Kent

and Medway broadband project will lead to a substantial change in the availability and quality of broadband services for communities and businesses.

"We will continue working to secure the best possible outcomes for Kent, within the funding, regulations and national policies."

The Country Land and Business Association (CLA) for the county welcomed the Lords' committee report and said rather than superfast speeds, access for all "should be a guiding principle".

CLA South East acting director Tim Brock said: "Although hundreds of millions of pounds are being poured into building a better broadband network, rural areas are largely ignored by the major telecoms companies, which compete to roll out faster speeds to areas that already have a good service.

"Recognition by the Lords' committee that access is more important than speed is extremely welcome."

## BUSINESS

## Tax expert's fear over insolvency plans

A TAX advisor business has added its voice to concerns about the effect a closure of Medway's official receiver's office could have.

McCabe Ford Williams met with MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey Gordon Henderson to discuss the closure.

The Government-run Insolvency Service plans to merge its Chatham and Whitstable office at the end of 2013 or early 2014 to save money.

The office helps deal with people who are submitting compulsory liquidation applications, and helps individuals or businesses by investigating their financial troubles. The office can also help pay statutory redundancy pay.

Partner at McCabe Ford Williams in Sittingbourne, Amanda Ireland said: "The Medway OR's office is the busiest in Kent for dealing with bankruptcies and compulsory liquidations. To

lose it will result in Medway and north and mid Kent residents who are made bankrupt having to go to the Whitstable OR or further afield."

After the meeting, Mr Henderson said: "McCabe Ford Williams highlighted the difficulty they already experience encouraging people who are facing bankruptcy to attend court.

"Expecting such people to travel to Whitstable will make their task even harder."

However, in a consultation document, the insolvency service said: "We do not consider that there would be any negative impact upon the level of investigation and enforcement activity carried out by the service as a result of the proposed closure, and it is intended that staffing levels would be maintained at the merged office at a level sufficient to discharge our obligations and meet our customer service targets."

## INVESTIGATION

## Two arrests following train station stabbing

DETECTIVES investigating a stabbing at Gillingham train station have made two arrests.

A 17-year-old from Dartford and 20-year-old from Greenwich were arrested on suspicion of violent disorder in an incident at around 6.15pm on Tuesday, July 24.

The 17-year-old was taken to Medway hospital with serious injuries. He was later discharged and has now been arrested.

Both men have been bailed until August 31. If you have information call 0800 40 50 40.

## CRIME

## Man charged with attempted murder

A CHATHAM man has been charged with attempted murder after an incident in the town.

Nathan Slade, 21, of Luton Road, appeared before Medway Magistrates on August 6 after the incident in Bryant Street on August 4 at around 12.51 am.

A 26-year-old man was taken to Kings College Hospital with serious injuries, where he remains in a stable condition.

Mr Slade has been remanded until his next court appearance on August 20.

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### OPINION

# Mental health being put at risk

Proposals to reorganise mental health services may have an adverse effect on the quality of care offered to vulnerable patients, says **Cllr Isaac Igwe**

THERE is currently a consultation which, when completed, will herald the reorganisation of inpatient mental health provision in Medway.

The proposals, if ratified, will bring changes regarding where patients can access inpatient care and the number of accessible beds available to them.

At the moment mental health care is provided in three wards (Emerald, Ruby and Sapphire) located in A Block of Medway Maritime Hospital, Gillingham. The intention of the changes is to close down the wards in A Block and relocate the services to Little Brook Hospital, Dartford, and reduce bed space from 49 to 30 – a whopping loss of 19 beds.

The main reason prompting the proposals is the physical structure of A Block, which does not meet the standard requirements of a 21st century inpatient mental health hospital. Patients are located in dor-

mitories that are demarcated by curtains, offering little or no privacy, with communal toilets and bathrooms.

It is a standard requirement from the national guidelines that patients should have access to a toilet and shower in their rooms. Another structural issue makes it impossible for patients to have easy access to the gardens, unless escorted at regimented intervals on the discretion of nursing staff.

I believe other reasons for the proposed closure are to cut costs and maximise resources by locating the service in an area where there are a cluster of mental health services. The implication is a reduction in the number of nursing staff and psychiatric doctors.

This arrangement has an economic and operational implication for patients, carers, staff and the Trust. The community mental health teams will maintain their offices in

Medway and travel to Dartford to attend Care Programme Approach meetings for their patients. The quality of support provided to patients in the community will most likely diminish due to travel.

Economically, the Trust will incur cost through additional travel claims by the Community Mental Health Teams.

On the other hand, patients who depend on Disability Living Allowance (DLA) as their main or only source of income may find it difficult to foot the extra cost to travel from Medway to Dartford. Some 42 per cent of people on DLA in Medway have mental health problems and any unbudgeted cost can adversely affect their mental state. Worse still, they may sabotage or avoid hospitalisation when they become unwell due to financial constraint.

This also applies to carers, including the added difficulty of travelling further away to visit



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loved ones, as it determines how often they are able to visit. Fewer visits could also upset patients and inhibit recovery.

It is evident that considerable numbers of Medway patients are treated in an out-of-area hospital within any given financial year. This means the Trust pays other hospitals to treat their patient. Given the proposed reduction in bed space, there could be an increased running cost, mitigating any saving.

Labour members of the task group charged with examining the impact of the proposed changes will not be able to support alternative services which could have an adverse impact on patients. If changes are made, the Labour group expects them to provide better services. This population group deserve the best we can give.

■ **Cllr Isaac Igwe is a Medway Labour councillor and mental health nurse.**

## KOS COMMENT

### Olympic inspiration a boost for community

IT'S fantastic to see almost 50,000 people in Kent have taken up sport in the run-up to the Olympics.

With Britain facing an obesity timebomb, it's important to get people out playing on the county's green spaces once again.

The benefits of exercise are clear, and if London 2012 triggers off a new health drive, then that will be some legacy.

Sport is much more than winners and losers though.

As we've seen, the Games have brought the country together in backing our finest Olympians.

An uptake of sport in Kent will surely benefit local communities just as much as the individual.

### Police election matters

THE biggest shake-up to the police system in years is coming, and there are fears that no-one really cares.

Only 100 days remain until the first police and crime commissioner is elected and interest is low. With the PCC having a huge budget to play with, it's time people started to take notice.

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## Pull chain on costly mayor

I AM writing to express my outrage at the figures disclosed on how much has been spent on the Medway mayoralty.

While we struggle to make ends met, it is completely appalling that top Tories are spending thousands on parties.

£140,000 is a huge amount for the mayor. With my child about to start at a Medway school this year, I would much rather see this money being spent on local schools.

Perhaps Medway Council should really consider whether, in this period of economic downturn, the mayor is really worth the money.

**Lauren Wright, Walderslade**

## You can get TV licence refund

A RECENT letter from your reader Anthony Sansum

(Letters, August 5) raised concerns he will not be able to get a refund for a TV licence he no longer requires.

I apologise if Mr Sansum has been given incorrect information, but TV Licensing does not require customers to provide evidence when requesting a refund on their licence because of the digital switchover.

Mr Sansum can contact us on 0300 790 6071 to request a refund for any full unused months remaining on his licence.

**Victoria Sykes, TV Licensing**

## Growth spurt the real issue

CLIMATE change is not the major threat facing humanity, (Letters, August 5) – what about overpopulation?

Overpopulation is not only helping to create all types of pollution, but is also speeding up the waste of finite resources and the destruction of areas as the rainforests because people

are desperate to grow food.

The only reason increasing populations are tolerated is the people running the world, big business, find it suits their purpose and it's useful for governments who have to find a way of paying for countries' debts.

**Phil Granger, West Malling**

## You're being anti-social, sir

WHY do motorists have such a dislike of pedestrians and cyclists?

Ian Taylor (Opinion, August 5) appears to spend his time attempting to speed around the county in a car. Perhaps he should get out and enjoy some fresh air walking or cycling around Kent, especially the country roads.

He would then perhaps have a more balanced view of all road users. Walking or cycling along a country road with traffic passing at 60mph is very scary. In a recent survey

of children in a local primary school one of their main concerns was speeding traffic.

I would claim that motorists who exceed the speed limit is anti-social behaviour.

In a recent campaign to get a local zebra crossing replaced by a pelican/puffin crossing, a survey of the speed of traffic in a 30mph area travelling towards the zebra crossing showed that 85 per cent were travelling at 41.4mph with a maximum speed 89.5mph.

This crossing is used by children going to school with a lollipop lady who was concerned for her life, and was regularly abused by drivers.

Ian, please show more concern for other members of the public.

**Roy Winnett, Chatham**

## Cycling's not a golden event

AS A cyclist of more than 70 years, how can I get excited about the odd gold medal or

two and a yellow jersey, when cycling for the masses in this country is (and has been for years) so poorly provided for, and when so many cyclists are killed on our roads?

**Ted Prangnell, member of RoadPeace, Kennington**

## Bag levy is the only solution

THE number of single-use bags handed out in the UK has gone up again over the past two years.

In 2011, we used eight billion plastic carrier bags; that equals 254 bags handed out per second. This is a tremendous waste of valuable resources that often results in litter which can be lethal to wildlife on land and at sea.

Sadly this is a very English problem. England is where the growth in bag use is happening and we are the only country in the UK that does not require shops to charge for bags and isn't actively considering

introducing a charge.

When Wales introduced a 5p bag levy in 2011, single-use bag use fell by between 70-96 per cent. Ireland did it in 2002, and the number fell by 90 per cent.

Some shops are already doing this voluntarily, but the only way to make a real difference is for the Government to make sure England is not left behind, and introduce an English bag levy.

The money raised can even be spent on clearing litter, not making shops money as happens in Wales.

That is why I am supporting the Break the Bag Habit campaign run by the Campaign to Protect Rural England, Keep Britain Tidy, the Marine Conservation Society, and Surfers Against Sewage. It's simple to add your voice to this campaign by visiting their websites and writing to your MP.

**Tessa Musgrave, Herne Bay**

## Working for autistic adults

I WANT to encourage our MP to support the National Autistic Society's (NAS) Undiscovered Workforce campaign to help adults with autism into employment.

The campaign is calling upon MPs across the UK to work together with local authority services, as well as local businesses and employment providers to improve job opportunities for people with autism in their constituencies.

For many, employment is a crucial factor in living a happy and independent life. However, NAS research indicates that only 15 per cent of adults with autism are in full-time employment, despite the fact 79 per cent of those claiming out-of-work benefits told us they want to work.

Research with university leavers has shown that 26 per cent of graduates with autism are unemployed, by far the highest rate of any disability group. One in 100 people living in Tunbridge Wells has autism and it is therefore vital more is done locally to support these adults into work.

I hope our MP will agree to work with other organisations in our constituency so adults with autism have access to the same employment opportunities as others.

**Nathalie Dubois-Whitaker, Tunbridge Wells**

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# Business Week

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## Super summer fails us but winter isn't here just yet as exports prove

By Nick Ames

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EXPECTATIONS of a boom in exports caused by Britain's high profile following the Diamond Jubilee and Olympic Games have hit a wall in the form of the Eurozone crisis and concerns over currency fluctuations.

The fifth DHL/BCC Trade Confidence Index, a measure of the UK's exporting health, reveals that expectations for the so-called super summer of 2012 have been overshadowed by economic problems on the Continent.

The report, which draws on a survey of more than a thousand exporters and an analysis of export documentation, found that 40 per cent of firms stated that exchange rates were a concern, showing the Eurozone crisis's impact in terms of UK competitiveness and the buoyancy of one of its biggest markets.

A net balance of just 21 per cent of firms felt profitability would increase in the next 12 months, down from 30 per cent the previous quarter, with falling profitability expectations across all firm sizes. These results were in spite of a summer of celebrations and high hopes for the economic impact on exporters.

And they are in stark contrast to research conducted in 2010 by DHL, which found 56 per cent of businesses anticipated that the focus on London over this period would create greater global demand for British goods.

John Longworth, director general of



EXPORTS: Jo James finds a bright side

the British Chambers of Commerce, said: "Business concerns about the Eurozone have increased in the last quarter, and it's no wonder. In the last few months we have seen two general elections in Greece, a bailout of Spanish lender Bankia and sovereign borrowing costs creeping up to dangerously high levels yet again."

However, some companies in the last few weeks have reported an increase in export orders for autumn, while others have made moves to reach out further into the global marketplace by targeting areas such as the US, South America, the Indian subcontinent and Asia.

Jo James, chief executive of Kent

Invicta Chamber of Commerce, said: "The adverse effect of the Eurozone crisis on exporters is unfortunate, to say the least, at a time when British exporters are struggling valiantly to overcome our own economic problems."

"Our exporters have shown amazing resilience in maintaining performance against all the odds, and added complications in one of our biggest markets is heaping problems upon problems. It is understandable that under the circumstances their confidence is lessened."

"On the up side, exports are increasing, more companies are entering the export market and many are looking beyond Europe. We should congratulate those companies concerned as they are working hard to maintain whatever economic activity they can to mitigate the recessionary situation. Exporting remains a primary means of contributing to economic recovery, but it is paramount that the relevant authorities in Britain and Europe work tirelessly to try to improve the overall situation."

Phil Couchman, chief executive of DHL Express UK and Ireland, said: "SMEs' concerns around exchange rates and profitability highlight that there is still more to be done in terms of support for businesses venturing into overseas markets."

"But recent export figures are strong and there is reason to believe that the 'super summer' – a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that will put British businesses firmly in the spotlight – could

present a fantastic opportunity to make inroads internationally. To sustain momentum, businesses large and small should start thinking now about how best to serve this international audience once the events are over by initiating an export programme for their goods and services to reach that target market."

"The worries highlighted in the report show businesses should seek advice from professionals with a local presence who can provide specialist insight."

And Longworth remained upbeat about the coming months.

"There is a silver lining," he said. "Businesses have seen a rise in export orders in the last quarter, despite concerns about the Eurozone. While the EU is our main trading partner, UK firms are looking to trade in new markets."

According to the latest figures from the Office for National Statistics, more than half of British exports in the three months to May went to countries outside the EU, an increase of 13 per cent on the same quarter last year.

"These results are encouraging, but we need to find ways to make our businesses think global and provide them with the support they need to break into new markets. Businesses are still concerned with being able to access the appropriate finance to help them break into new markets."

"Export growth is vital, not only to help boost the UK economy, but to show the world Britain remains a major global competitor."

## Research highlights the personal cost of running a small businesses

SMALL-BUSINESS-OWNERS are working long hours, through ill-health and with few or no holidays, according to new research from Clydesdale Bank.

According to the bank's estimates, owners across London and the South East contribute to 64 million extra days each year UK-wide to keep their businesses going.

Clydesdale Bank's new research indicates that more than 2.5 million (57 per cent) of small-business-owners UK-wide haven't had a single day off sick in the last three years.

Compared with the average worker, the research suggests small-business-owners between them have worked 46 million extra days since 2009 (15.3m per year) compared with average UK workers, who take six sick days a year.

"Small-business-owners in



London and the South East have invested their own money and passion in their company, so they will fight through the coughs and colds that might keep others under the duvet," said Will Lindsay, regional director south at Clydesdale Bank. "When the bottom line is

that the success of your business rests on you, there is a massive motivation to keep going when a regular employee might not."

And those running the region's small businesses aren't working shorter hours, either. The bank calculates

that about a million owners UK-wide are working more than 45 hours per week, with almost two-thirds of those putting in more than 50 hours, far more than the UK average working week of 39.1 hours. Together, they could be doing more than 1.3 million extra days a year.

"During a tough period for the economy, where the immediate future has been unclear, taking on or even just keeping staff has been difficult for small businesses," said Lindsay. "Owners, who often don't draw much of a salary or pay themselves overtime, are working extended hours to ensure their customers are looked after and their businesses survive."

The survey found 13 per cent of respondents in the region had taken no holidays in the last year, while more than

a third (39 per cent) took fewer than 15 days.

Clydesdale's research indicates that almost all (87 per cent) of small-business-owners across London and the South East take fewer days off than the statutory entitlement of 28 days (including bank holidays); across the country, the UK small-business sector foregoes almost 49 million days off a year, the bank estimates.

Lindsay said: "With times being tough, you can understand if small-business-owners don't want to close for holidays or spend money on overseas trips, but it is worrying that they don't take time for themselves."

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# The sun still shines on solar

**Andy Pyke** tells why there's no better time to take the green option



**GO FOR IT:** Andy Pyke recommends solar panels

THE proliferation of solar panels on buildings and open sites across our region over the last couple of years has been quite an eye-opener and has caused many of us to wonder if we are, perhaps, missing a trick somehow.

The Government's initial support for renewable energy through the Feed in Tariff (FIT) scheme turned solar panels into a solid investment vehicle that offered guaranteed returns of more than 10 per cent per annum and kick-started a vibrant renewable-energy sector in the UK.

Over a short period of time, the price of solar panels dropped sharply and the Government faced criticism that its incentives were too generous as investors looking for a good return started to pour money into putting free solar panels onto any south-facing roof and keeping the FIT payments for themselves.

In November 2011, the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) reacted by cutting the FIT tariff in half, a move that caused outcry in the solar industry, with many fearing the death knell had sounded and the whole industry was doomed.

As it turned out, DECC had pretty much got it right and within a few weeks solar PV systems were being advertised at almost half their previous cost. Since then there have been further cuts to the FIT, with the latest coming at the end of July.

So the big question is: does solar PV still make any sense?

Bizarrely, the answer is that a solar PV system fitted in August or September will cost you so much less than it would have even two months ago, that the return on investment is actually now at its all-time high. In other words, there

has never been a better time to invest in solar PV, despite the cuts and changes to the FIT scheme.

A typical 50kwp commercial installation these days costs about £65,000. In its first year alone, it is going to bring a combined income and saving of more than £9,600, meaning it will pay for itself outright in less than seven years.

Businesses with high electricity bills are going to get the maximum benefit out of a system like this and will be protecting themselves from rising energy prices.

As well as the financial benefits, by installing a solar system, businesses are able to demonstrate their commitment to reducing their carbon output – an increasingly important corporate statement.

With returns at an all-time high, there's never been a better time for businesses to go green.

## GROWTH

### Global outlook reaps harvest

AN accountancy firm is celebrating a significant boost in income from international sources.

Creaseys, the Tunbridge Wells accountancy firm, which was recently named as Best Single Office Tax Practice in the UK,

attributes the rise to its membership of PrimeGlobal, an association of international accounting firms.

Richard Holme, pictured, international tax partner with Creaseys, believes the association's global presence is enhancing the Creaseys reputation.

"Our clients have growing global requirements and our membership of PrimeGlobal has never been so important," he said.

"Creaseys has gone from strength to strength in the past couple of years and our membership has bolstered our ability to provide expertise at a global level for both our international clients and the many businesses in our region that are opening overseas operations.

"We are recognised as experts in supporting international corporates with their UK and European subsidiaries and are helping a number of other PrimeGlobal members to complete work on behalf of their clients in the UK.

"This is all part of our plan to provide a complete service to forward-thinking owner-managed businesses."



## Raise a glass to these award-winning beers

BEERS brewed by Shepherd Neame have won a gold medal, a silver medal and a host of bronze medals in the Olympics of beer.

In the tasting category of the International Beer Challenge, Late Red Autumn Hop Ale won gold and Canterbury Jack silver, while another four beers brewed by Shepherd Neame, 1698 Bottle Conditioned Ale, Spitfire Premium Kentish Ale, Generation Ale and Asda Extra Special Whitechapel Porter, won bronze.

Late Red Autumn Hop Ale, available all year round, is brewed using Kentish hops, barley and mineral water to create a 4.5 per cent ale. Canterbury Jack is brewed with pale and crystal malts and hopped with English Cascade and East Kent Goldings grown within a few miles of the brewery.

Head brewer Richard Frost said: "To win six taste-test medals is a tribute to the expertise and experience of all the brewers at Faversham who are dedicated to brewing flavoursome ales of the highest quality and of a truly distinct, Kentish appeal."

Shepherd Neame also won three bronze medals in the design and packaging category, for Asahi



Super Dry, 1698 Bottle Conditioned Ale and Generation Ale, hand-wrapped in watermarked tissue paper and encased in a clasped wooden box.

Beers from 26 countries around

the globe were entered into this year's International Beer Challenge, which, for the past 16 years, has rewarded and promoted excellence in brewing across the range of beer styles.

The 30 gold medallists will now be judged to decide which is 'best in class', an award to be announced at a presentation at Dartmouth House, London, on Monday, September 10.

**ALL IN GOOD TASTE:** The Shepherd Neame brewing team with head brewer Richard Frost, centre

## Calling all community charities: would you like some help?

THE Joiners Shop in Chatham is looking for a local charity to support for the next 12 months.

This backing will include active involvement from the centre to help raise money and organise fund-raising events.

Basepoint Business Centres, which specialises in the development and operation of flexible business, innovation and enterprise centres, is owned by The

ACT Foundation, a leading UK grant-making charity, dedicated to improving the quality of life of those in need.

As such, each centre is dedicated to fund-raising for a selected charity and The ACT Foundation match-funds any money raised by the chosen charity, up to the value of £10,000 per centre.

John Luchford, centre manager at Basepoint Chatham, said: "Joining forces

with The Joiners Shop is a fantastic opportunity for a charity. We are passionate about finding innovative and fun ways to raise money and are particularly keen on working with charities dealing with physical and mental disabilities."

Charities that are interested should contact John Luchford or Maureen Tong-Ralphs by emailing [Chatham@basepoint.co.uk](mailto:Chatham@basepoint.co.uk) or phoning 01634 816000.

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## Training, courses and careers

### College branches out to offer its own lessons driving

COLLEGE students in Medway will soon have the chance to learn how to drive alongside their normal courses.

MidKent College is launching its own driving school offering student lessons for £17 in its own fleet of Citroens.

The college said students who enrol for a September start should be able to book the driving lessons.

Programme administrator Matt Brown said: "Sky-high insurance costs coupled with the crippling price of fuel mean it has never been more expensive for learner drivers to get behind the wheel.

"MidKent College Driving School will play its part in reducing this financial burden by offering cheap yet high quality instruction to our students and other customers throughout the county.

"We also hope to aid the continued reduction in deaths and serious injuries on our roads by promoting the importance of driver safety to our learners and also through links with local schools."

And he added: "We want people to continue to enjoy coming to college, which is why it is such a high priority to find new ways to improve the student experience.

"We hope learner drivers across the county take advantage of MidKent College Driving School by signing up for lessons and thereby gaining the freedom that will serve them well for the rest of their lives."

He said other colleges hoping to set up their own driving school are also invited to get in touch.

It is now calling on established instructors to join them to help run the scheme.

### Students prove they really are a first class bunch

NINE Bromley College students have received first-class honours after graduating from the biomedical science undergraduate degree programme.

The students – Karl Baird, Samira Gharbieh, Siavash Beikoghli Kalkhoran, Sian Russell, Cheryl Griffiths, Connor Scott, Faye Brown, Jacqui Long and Susie Ruffles – took part in the graduation ceremony at Rochester Cathedral alongside 300 graduates from the University of Greenwich.

The students were able to work towards their degrees on a full-time or part-time basis, first studying at Bromley College and then completing their degrees at the University of Greenwich's Medway Maritime campus.

Student Connor Scott said: "The tutors really helped me and their teaching methods made students excel. It was a great experience. I wish to use my degree to get into medical school and become a doctor."

Sheila Lake, curriculum manager for science and maths, and animal care, said: "We are so proud of all of our students' achievements and of how well our higher education team has prepared them for their next steps.

"In the case of these nine wonderful first-class honours graduates, we couldn't be happier for them. Their ambition and determination have paid off in a big way."

# 'He's a shining example of how worthwhile an apprentice can be to us'

A STROOD apprentice has scooped one of three top national awards.

He has proved to be one of the country's most promising apprentices after taking the prize thanks to backing from Medway Council.

Callum Barnes was one of three bright young trainees taking honours at the National Construction College.

It awards hard work and determination put in by apprentices across the nation.

The 18-year-old is a year into his apprenticeship as a floor layer at Strood

firm Oxden

Floors, which

is the latest in

a long line

of businesses

to benefit

from the local

council's

apprenticeship

scheme, which

has helped with

the cost of his

apprenticeship.

The GAPS scheme, which is part funded by the council and European Union, offers businesses £2,000 to help firms with the wage or training costs of an apprentice.

The council has already committed more than £200,000 to the scheme, which has been running almost a year, and to date, has helped more than 60 businesses take on 90 apprentices.

Lee Fox, managing director at Oxden has been at the company for 12 years. He said: "As

a business we're keen to do more in terms of training and taking on young people and this gave us the chance to take somebody on through an approved scheme where they could gain a qualification.

"Although we were keen to take on an apprentice, the funding was certainly an added incentive and for many businesses that help with training or wage costs is a big help."

Callum spends half of his time based at college and the rest on site with the team learning hands-on.

He said: "I'm really enjoying the apprenticeship.

It's a great

way of

learning,

with a

good company

behind you

and training

at college too.

"I've always

been into the construction

industry

and doing the apprenticeship

means I can put the skills I learn at college to practice straight away and learn hands-on with experienced people."

His boss added: "Apprentices can bring with them a fresh, youthful energy, although to be honest I think Callum's success in the short space of time he's been here says it all and is a shining example of exactly how worthwhile they can be."

For details on the GAPS scheme, email [gaps@medway.gov.uk](mailto:gaps@medway.gov.uk) or phone 01634 334348.

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THE START OF GREATS THING: Oxden boss Lee Fox and apprentice Callum Barnes

## Learn about sustainable construction

STUDENTS interested in 'green architecture' can join SusCon this year for a series of course on sustainable construction.

It is part of North West Kent College, and the courses use a new training and research centre at The Bridge, Dartford.

The courses include study of electronic security and emergency systems, plus insulation techniques and of naturally enough, sustainable construction.

An open day is organised for August 15 between 2-5pm.

The building itself has been rated as outstanding in a Design Stage BREEAM Education Assessment.

It also has an 'A' rated Energy Performance Certificate and the lifetime carbon footprint has been reduced. Unavoidable carbon emissions have been compensated for by protecting 70 acres of Amazon rainforest.

Phillip Mathews, general manager at SusCon said: "We are proud to be one of the first in south east London and Kent to offer courses in sustainability.

"The courses provide essential training to fill a skills gap, which is in line with Government plans for the Green Deal and their pledge to reduce carbon emissions. This will provide employment opportunities to those qualified within sustainable construction."



GREEN DREAM: North West Kent College

## Schools & education

### Big names from textiles industry share top tips with design students

THE biggest names in textiles shared their expert knowledge during a specialist seminar for an EU venture led by the University for the Creative Arts (UCA).

The Crystals Cross-Border Professionals Programme, which took place over three days at UCA Rochester, boasted presentations from industry experts such as the 'patron saint of print' Mark Eley of Eley Kishimoto, designers Agi & Sam, fashion blogger Amelia

Gregory, and the Design Trust.

Part-funded through the European Regional Development Fund, the Crystals Project is a cross-Channel collaboration exploring and driving innovation in the textile industry at centres in Belgium, France and the UCA Rochester.

The event was designed to encourage textiles graduates, start-ups, and established businesses from the Crystals Project's three regions who wish to learn about innovative

digital textile design and production techniques from some of the UK's top fashion and textile professionals.

Delegates got hands-on with the latest technology during workshops hosted by international textiles designer and UCA course leader, Neil Bottle, which utilised UCA Rochester's Gerber Suite and digital printer.

They experimented with inks and print fusing to produce print samples of their own to take home.

### Troubled teen graduates after finally putting acting up to good use

A SELF-confessed "angry young man" tossed into Kent life from Albania has found his footing thanks to the dedicated help of his teachers.

The Albanian-born former student at Ramsgate's Marlowe Academy didn't know a word of English when he arrived aged 14, and wasn't about to let anyone tell him anything.

But the teaching staff wouldn't let him waste his schooling, and now he has graduated with honours from the University of Kent.

Staff say this is another example of a student whose outlook on life has been transformed by the innovative teaching and attentive care offered to students at The Marlowe Academy.

Dritan Kastrati, now 21, joined the Ramsgate School, The Marlowe Academy's predecessor, in 2003.

In his own words, he was "angry young man with a chip on his shoulder".

Under the wing of the late Michael Tulloch, a drama teacher at the school who was recognised as one of the country's leading experts on emotional intelligence, Dritan flourished.

He was taught how to channel his anger through the medium of drama. This helped



**GOOD CHARACTER:** Graduate Dritan Kastrati

transform Dritan's outlook on life, and he developed his performing skills.

Come sixth form at the Marlowe Academy he developed a passion for performing, taking theatre studies at A-level and level 3 Performing Arts. Experience came at local drama productions and he appeared in a Margate film called Exodus.

He became a role model for others at the academy and achieved a distinction in performing arts and a Grade B in theatre studies A2.

He took drama and theatre at university graduating with a 2:1 (Hons) and has appeared in several London productions.

### Christine scoops vice-chancellor's award for organic chemistry PhD

A FRENCH student has taken an inaugural academic prize for research at the University of Greenwich, Medway.

Dr Christine Baltus has won the first Vice-Chancellor's PhD Prize for best postgraduate research.

The student from the School of Science examined organic chemistry focusing on synthesising 'drug-like' molecules for use in medicinal chemistry, herbicides, fungicides, liquid crystals, and even electric wires.

Her PhD was written in collaboration with pharmaceutical manufacturer, Novartis UK. Christine received her prize at the University of Greenwich's awards ceremony held in Rochester Cathedral.

Christine, from Seine et Marne, northern France, said: "I really enjoyed my research. The support and encouragement I received from my supervisors was superb."

And Professor Alan Reed, Director of Postgraduate Re-

search at the university, added: "We are very pleased that the vice-chancellor has created this new annual prize to recognise the excellence demonstrated by students working towards the university's highest academic award."

"Christine's examiners said that her work was of the best quality."

"She is a worthy winner of the inaugural prize, and we all wish her well in her future career."

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#### Qualifications

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Evidence of continual professional development

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An application form & further details can be located on the school's website [www.doyrms.com](http://www.doyrms.com), emailing [reception@doyrms.com](mailto:reception@doyrms.com) or 01304 245023. CV's will not be accepted.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Candidates must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post including checks with past employers and an Enhanced Disclosure via the Criminal Records Bureau.

## Swale Academies Trust



### Westlands School

Westlands Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 1PF

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Swale Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced CRB check.

#### Contact Details

Tel: 01795 477475 Fax: 01795 479461

Email [swa@westlands.kent.sch.uk](mailto:swa@westlands.kent.sch.uk)

Trust Principal: Mr J Whitcombe MA

Swale Academies Trust Company No 7344732

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**Closing Date: 12 noon on 23 August 2012**

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please e-mail [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.



MidKent College



The Spencer Private Hospital is the independently owned and managed 22 bed private hospital situated on the QEOM Hospital site. We also have a 4 bed unit at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford. The continuing growth of our business has resulted in vacancies for the following staff:

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To discuss this opportunity or to arrange an informal visit please contact:

Paul Parish or Julie Pain 01843 234555 x 63316

Closing date for applications Friday 17th August 2012

For job description and application form please contact:

Jo Edwards  
East Kent Medical Services Ltd  
Spencer Private Hospital  
Ramsgate Road, Margate  
Kent CT9 4BG

Telephone: 01843 234556

Fax: 01843 296333

E-mail: [jo.edwards@thespencerwing.com](mailto:jo.edwards@thespencerwing.com)

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PLANNING

Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995  
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990  
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990  
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

- CA/12/01168/FUL: 1 Ethelbert Road, Canterbury, CT1 3ND Erection of conservatory to side of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Khandzhyan**  
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/01179/ADV: The Green, The Street, Ickham, CT3 1QT Erection of village sign. **Applicant: Ickham and Well Parish Council**  
Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
- CA/12/01187/FUL: Brooklands, 45 Fordwich Road, Fordwich, CT2 OBS Change of use from commercial offices (Use Class B1) to a residential dwelling with associated internal and external alterations including provision of balconies. **Applicant: Mr Thorgersen**  
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/01189/LB: Brooklands, 45 Fordwich Road, Fordwich, CT2 OBS Internal and external alterations including provision of balconies. **Applicant: Mr Thorgersen** Reason: Work to a listed building.
- CA/12/01190/FUL: Land adjacent to 1 Brooklands Close, Fordwich, CT2 0BT Erection of garage. **Applicant: Mr Thorgersen**  
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/01214/FUL: The Pines, School Lane, Ickham, CT3 1QU Single-storey side and rear extension. **Applicant: Mr Pettet**  
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/01262/LB: Vine House, 44 Orchard Street, Canterbury, CT2 8AP Replacement of kitchen window with French doors and replacement of kitchen door with window and walling. **Applicant: Mrs C Almond** Reason: Work to a listed building.
- CA/12/01322/FUL: 5 St Lawrence Road, Canterbury, CT1 3EY Erection of outbuilding in rear garden. **Applicant: Mr Ruane**  
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/01335/NAR: Ford Old Pumping Station, Ford Hill, Maypole, Hoath, CT3 4LS Variation of condition 02 of conservation area consent CA/12/00668/CAC relating to the approved drawings and design. **Applicant: South East Water** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/01348/LB: Angel Court, Butchery Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2JR Re-surfacing of courtyard. **Applicant: Shepherd Neame**  
Reason: Work to a listed building.
- CA/12/01355/FUL: 43 Roper Road, Canterbury, CT2 7EQ Single-storey rear extension and insertion of dormer in rear roof slope. **Applicant: Mr S Stephens** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/01357/FUL: 4 Sea Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AN Retention of replacement timber windows **Applicant: Mr G Lister**  
Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to [development.management@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:development.management@canterbury.gov.uk) to arrive on or before **Monday 3 September 2012**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: [www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc)

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration  
Friday 10 August 2012



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990  
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND  
CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING  
APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 27 AUGUST 2012

- SW/12/0905:  
Conservation area consent for the demolition of a signal box which will be demolished to below ground level and the area of land to be made good and covered in railway ballast - Faversham Signal Box (Adj St Catherine's Church Yard), FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2
- SW/12/0923:  
Change of use from A2 (financial and professional services) to A3 (Café) - 97 High Street, SHEERNESS; REASONS 1 & 2
- SW/12/0948:  
Single storey rear extension to kitchen and dining room of 2 storey terraced house - 33 Norman Road, FAVERSHAM; REASON 1
- SW/12/0952:  
New controlled atmosphere fruit store (in part replacing outdated store at Rodmersham Court Farm), new empty fruit bin store and associated handstandings for access, circulation and for open storage - G H Dean & Co, Hempstead Farm, Hempstead Lane, BAPCHILD; REASON 3

- SW/12/0967:  
New larger replacement playground mobile building - St Marys Playgroup, Orchard Place, FAVERSHAM; REASON 1
- SW/12/0970 & SW/12/0971:  
New kitchen extract flue to replace existing through roof to rear of building - Spice Lounge, 76 Preston Street, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

- SW/12/0975:  
Application for a new planning permission to replace extant planning permission SW/09/0431 for change of use of existing retail shop (A1) to mixed use A1 and A3 (restaurant/café) - 1 Court Street, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2
- SW/12/0982 & SW/12/0990:  
Removal of conservatory and two storey rear extension - Little Fisher Street Farm, BADLESMERE; REASON 2

- SW/12/0983:  
Erection of gates and side fencing to existing accesses - Byfield Court, Sheppey Way, BOBBING; REASON 2
- SW/12/0996:  
Removal of agricultural occupancy condition (condition (v)) attached to permission NK/9/62/53B/6730B dated 20th October 1972 - Stickfast Farmhouse, Sheppey Way, BOBBING; REASON 3

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman  
Head of Planning



THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)  
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

- Y12/0413/SH - The Old Lympe School The Street Lympe Hythe Kent - Conversion of part of ground floor of outbuilding and alterations to roof space to outbuilding, including installation of two dormer windows to front (south facing) roof slope, to form ground and first floor living accommodation for use as an annexe to existing dwelling and erection of single storey conservatory to east side of outbuildings.
- Y12/0694/SH - 12 High Street New Romney Kent TN28 8DD - Installation of 2 uPVC replacement shop front bay windows.
- Y12/0605/SH# - 1 Skinner Road Lydd Romney Marsh Kent TN29 9DD - Felling of a Sycamore tree situated within a conservation area.
- Y12/0688/SH - Verge opposite The Green, Portland Road and verge opposite The Paddocks, Prospect Road Hythe Kent - Re-siting of two pole mounted CCTV cameras.
- Y12/0692/SH - Penfold House Cooling Lane Folkestone Kent - Listed building consent for works to repair/replace brickwork, soffits, windows, fire escapes, rainwater goods and external plumbing.
- Y12/0672/SH - 9 Westcliff House West Cliff Gardens Folkestone Kent CT20 1SZ - Installation of replacement uPVC windows and balcony doors to 3rd floor flat on northeast elevation
- Y12/0689/SH - Grass Verge Outside 1 Tanners Hill (on corner with Dental Street) Hythe Kent - Installation of an equipment cabinet (telecommunication development 56 day notification).
- Y12/0219/SH# - Land adjoining Orchard Cottage The Street Posting Kent - Erection of a single dwelling house.
- Y12/0681/SH - The Flat 9 High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AD - Separation of upper floor living accommodation to create a self contained first and second floor maisonette.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to [planning@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:planning@shepway.gov.uk). Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- # - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney
- + - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe
- Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (\*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning  
Shepway District Council

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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

- 12/02115/LBC **Mattfield House The Green, Brencley**  
- Listed Building Consent: (The Coach House) Removal of internal raking props and insertion of steel support structure and new concrete floor (LB)
- 12/02136/HOUSE **Tylers Crooke Crook Road, Brencley**  
- Single and two-storey rear extensions (LB) (PROW)
- 12/02187/TELN5 **Major Yorks Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Broadwater**  
- Telecommunication: 1.6m high DSLAM green telecommunications cabinet (CA) (LB)
- 12/02141/HOUSE **Church Farm Church Road, Goudhurst**  
- Single storey rear extension, first floor rear extension and chimney to side elevation (CA)
- 12/02165/LBC **First Cottage North Road, Goudhurst**  
- Listed Building Consent - Conversion of bedroom space to en-suite toilet and shower (LB)
- 12/02084/FUL **The Granary Swigs Hole Farm, Horsmonden**  
- Retrospective - Conversion of redundant farm building to single dwelling (LB)
- 12/02085/LBC **The Granary Swigs Hole Farm, Horsmonden**  
- Listed Building Consent - To retain works for conversion of redundant farm building to single dwelling already started (LB)
- 12/02157/HOUSE **The Coach House Broadford, Horsmonden**  
- Single storey extension with glazed link to rear of building, removal of 2 no. porches and internal alterations (LB)
- 12/02163/LBC **The Coach House Broadford, Horsmonden**  
- Listed building consent - single storey extension with glazed link to rear of building, removal of 2 no. porches and internal alterations (LB)
- 12/02162/HOUSE **Lindridge Lodge Farm Lamberhurst Quarter, Lamberhurst**  
- Demolition of an existing three bay garage with room over and replacement three bay garage with room over (LB)
- 12/01992/HOUSE **5 Warwick Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**  
- Conversion and integration of garage into kitchen area and alterations to fenestration (CA) (LB)
- 12/02099/LBC **Caffe Nero 12 - 14 High Street, Pantiles & St Marks**  
- Listed building consent - remove 3nr existing AC condenser units from side elevation and install 2nr new AC condenser units to rear elevation (works already completed) (LB)
- 12/01982/FUL **Town & Country Housing Group Monson House, Park**  
- Cycle shelter on existing car parking space at rear of building (CA) (LB)
- 12/01995/HOUSE **22 Harmony Street Rusthall, Rusthall**  
- Conservatory to rear (CA)

12/02091/LBC **St Michael's Burrowswood, Speldhurst**  
- Listed Building Consent - Replacement of failed downpipes on southern elevation (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website ([www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk)), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to [planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe  
Head of Planning Services  
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS  
Dated: 11 August 2012



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
PLANNING PERMISSION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)  
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

KCC/TW/0275/2012 - Proposed development  
at Cranbrook WTW, Golford Road, Bakers Cross,  
Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3NW.

Southern Water Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for construction of three glass-reinforced (GRP) kiosks to support sewerage infrastructure upgrades.

You may view this application at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB.

Alternatively, details of the application can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at [www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications](http://www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications) or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to [planning.applications@kent.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@kent.gov.uk) or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson  
Head of Planning  
Applications Group  
Kent County Council  
Dated: 12 August 2012



THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Town and Country Planning Act  
Notice of Applications

MA/12/1120/S - CRISBROOK HOUSE, CAVE HILL, TOVIL, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6DU - An application for listed building consent for the replacement of 5no. windows; refurbishment of front door; and refurbishment/replacement of weatherboarding. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1161/N - 31, BREWER STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1RU - Proposed entrance to basement flat 1 via stepped external front access. **Reason: 2**

MA/12/1218/N - THE MAIDSTONE STUDIOS, NEW CUTH ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 5NZ - Alteration to external appearance at Level3/Roof level of existing building to facilitate conversion of plant/storage areas into office accommodation. **Reason: 6**

MA/12/1234/N - BARN COTTAGE, BOXLEY ROAD, BOXLEY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 3DN - Listed Building Consent to remove feather-edge boarding and replace with treated stained boards to same profile. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/1302/N - GLOBE HOUSE, 13, PUDDING LANE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1PA - Change of use of first and second floors into 2(no) two bedroom flats and 1(no) 1 bedroom flat including second floor rear extension. **Reason: 2**

MA/12/1306/S - THE GROVE, GROVE LANE, HUNTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0SE - Reinstatement of a first floor bay window with roof gable over to south elevation. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/1307/S - THE GROVE, GROVE LANE, HUNTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0SE - An application for listed building consent for the reinstatement of a first floor bay window with roof gable over to south elevation. **Reason: 3**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **26th August 2012**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 12th August 2012



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## PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

## LICENSING ACT 2003:

## Application for a Variation of Premises Licence

Notice is hereby given that Kelly and Erinch Kalfa of Tudor Walk, Dorgate has applied to Canterbury City Council for Variation of Premises Licence.

Friday to Saturday, 20.00 to 24.00 performance of live and recorded music/entertainment. Friday to Saturday, supply of alcohol until 24.00; Friday to Saturday, late night refreshment 23.00 to 00.30 hot drinks only. Friday to Saturday hours open to public until 01.00/-NYE 02.00. Non standard timing entertainments and music until 01-00 NYE for the premises The Lounge Restaurant and Bar situated at 1-3 St Anne's Road, Tonkerton CT5 2DN.

A register of licensing applications can be inspected at <http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/licensing> or at Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1YW tel. 01227 862000 by appointment with the Licensing team between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

Any person wishing to submit representations to our application must give notice in writing to the address shown above, giving in detail the grounds of objection by 01/09/2012.

The Council will not entertain representations where the writer requests that his identity remains anonymous. Copies of all representations will be included in the papers presented to the Licensing Panel and will therefore pass into the public domain. Representations must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm, in the case of an application for a provisional statement, please note that representations will be restricted once a statement has been issued.

## PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

**Snodland Town Council**  
NOTICE UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972  
SECTION 123(2A)

## AREA OF LAND AT

Notice is hereby given that Snodland Town Council intends to dispose (leasehold disposal) of an area of land to Snodland Football Club - for the location of a Home Football Ground and Club House at Potyns Sports Ground (as identified on the plans which are available for inspection at Snodland Town Council offices at the address below) which consists of an open space. Objections to the intended disposal of land must be made in writing and addressed to:

The Chairman  
Snodland Town Council  
Devonshire Rooms  
Waghorn Road  
Snodland ME6 5QR

By no later than 16 August 2012  
Dated the 5 August 2012  
Anne Moloney (Chairman)



**Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010**  
Notice under article 11 of application for planning permission

**Proposed development at:** 62 High Street, Newington, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 7JL

**Take notice that application is being made by:** Manor Homes Mr Andrew Hill

**For planning permission to:** Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 3x3 bed dwelling and 1x4 bed dwelling, new access, parking & amenity space

**Local Planning Authority to whom the application is being submitted:** Swale Borough Council

**Local Planning Authority address:** Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT

Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the council within 21 days of this notice.

## LICENSING ACT 2003

**Notice of Application for Grant/Variation of a premises Licence**

Notice is hereby given that Kana Yogeswaran and Chithira Yogeswaran have applied to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council for the grant/variation of a Premises Licence in respect of premises known as Aylesford Village Shop, 21 High Street, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7AX. The application seeks the licence in respect of the following: • The sale of alcohol • Monday to Saturday 06.00 - 20.00 • Sunday 6.00 - 16.00 Details of the register of record of the application can be viewed at the Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices (Licensing Dept), Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling during normal office hours. Any representations from interested parties or responsible authorities must be made in writing to the Council by 05th of September 2012.

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**Licensing Act 2003**  
**Notice of application to vary a Premises Licence**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I Mr Can Topcu have applied to the Haringey Council for a new premises licence in respect of the premises known as **The Banc, 261-263 West Green Road, London, N15 3BH** as follows: **Late Night Refreshment & Supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises:**

From 22:00 to 00:00 Daily

Any person wishing to make representation in respect of the above activities may do so by writing to Licensing Team, Frontline Services, Urban Environment, Units 271-272, Lee Valley Technopark, Ashley Road, Tottenham, London, N17 9LN by 28 August 2012.

A copy of the application is kept by the Licensing Team, Frontline Services, Urban Environment, Units 271-272, Lee Valley Technopark, Ashley Road, Tottenham, London, N17 9LN. The application can be viewed Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm, except bank holidays.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the standard scale.

## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY &amp; VILLAGE GREENS

## PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

**NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AE363 AND AE639**

**IN THE PARISHES OF SEVINGTON AND MERSHAM**

**PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AE363 AND AE639**

**(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14 (1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close the following public Footpaths from the 24th August 2012

- Public Footpath AE363 between Highfield Lane & Blind Lane.
- Public Footpath AE639 between Highfield Lane and the junction with Public Footpath AE337A (NGR TR 037 408)

The paths will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that they will reopen before the 1st October 2012.

The paths are to be closed because the laying of water mains is planned on or near them and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via Blind Lane, Public Footpath AE364, Public Footpath AE344, Church Road, Public Footpath AE340 and Public Footpath AE639 and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Melvyn Twycross

**PROW - IN THE DISTRICTS OF DOVER & SHEPWAY**

**NOTICE OF THE EXTENSION OF AN ORDER TEMPORARILY CLOSING PUBLIC BYWAY HE30 / ER146 IN THE PARISHES OF DENTON WITH WOOTTON AND ELHAM**

**(PUBLIC BYWAY HE30 / ER146)**

**(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

The Secretary of State for Transport has directed that the Order made by Kent County Council on the 15th August 2011, the effect of which was to prohibit all traffic from Public Byway HE30 / ER146 has been extended until 14th November 2012 or until completion of the works, whichever is the earlier.

Pedestrian access will be available from Snode Hill to Public Footpath ER130 at Gatteridge Farm

The route will be closed between Reece Lane and Snode Hill.

The route will be closed for the construction of a new water pumping station and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Edward Denne

## PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS

**NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH SR457 IN THE PARISH OF PENSHURST**

**PUBLIC FOOTPATH SR457**

**(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath SR457, between Spring Hill (B2188) and a point approximately 140 metres to the east (at NGR TQ 523 413) from the 27th August 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 11th December 2012.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is along the southern and eastern side of the works area and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Mrs N Biddall.

## PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE

**NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR88 IN THE PARISH OF IWADE**

**PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR88, IWADE**

**(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath ZR88 (Saxon Shore Way) between NGR TQ 894 708 just south of Cods Creek and NGR TQ 895 706, a distance of approximately 150 metres from the 1st August 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen after 2 months.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is adjacent to the path and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michael Ellis

**NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR194 IN THE PARISH OF TONGE**

**(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR194, TONGE)**

**(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath ZR194 between Panteny Lane and Dully Road, Tonge from the 30th July 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen after 2 months.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michael Ellis

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD AREA

**BEDLAM LANE, SMARDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to replace a culvert, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bedlam Lane, Smarden, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Badgers and Box Farm, with no access for through traffic.

The alternative route is via Crockenhill Road, Mundy Bois Road, Smarden Bell Road and Headcorn Road.

**ROSE HILL, WITTERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Rose Hill, Wittersham, on or after 14 August 2012 for up to 3 days, between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Stocks Road, Acton Lane and Ebony Road.

**WHITE HILL, BOUGHTON ALUPH, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on White Hill, Boughton Aluph, on or after 13 August 2012 for up to 3 days, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length.

There will be no access for through traffic between the A28 and A251 using this route.

The alternative route is via A251 Faversham Road, Wye Road, and A28 Canterbury Road.

HIGHWAYS - CANTERBURY AREA

**BROAD OAK ROAD, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of remedial carriageway surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Broad Oak Road, Canterbury, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 3 nights, between 7.00 pm and midnight.

The road will be closed from the junction with Stonebridge Road, for a distance of 70 metres south-westwards.

There will be no access for through traffic between Kingsmead Road and Vauxhall Road.

The alternative route is via B2248 Kingsmead Road, A28 Sturry Road, Vauxhall Road and Broad Oak Road.

**COTTON ROAD, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of electricity cabling works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cotton Road, Canterbury, on or after 13 August 2012 for up to 2 nights, between 8.00 pm and 5.00 am.

The road will be closed between The Boundary and the junction with Cow Lane.

The alternative route is via Ten Perch Road, A28 Wincheap and Cow Lane.

**DRILL LANE, ICKHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Drill Lane, Ickham, on or after 30 August 2012 for up to 3 working days (with the road re-opened over the weekend).

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Wickham Road and Wickham Lane.

**HALES DRIVE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of tree safety works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hales

Drive, Canterbury, on or after 14 August 2012 for up to 3 days, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed between the junctions with St Stephen's Road and The Terrace.

The alternative route is via Manwood Avenue and St Stephen's Hill.

**OLD RUTTINGTON LANE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Old Ruttington Lane, Canterbury, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with North Holmes Road and Broad Street.

**ST PETER'S LANE, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To enable phone ducting works to be carried out in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Peter's Lane, Canterbury, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with St Peter's Street.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984

**(PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSINGS STATION ROAD WEST, NORTH LANE AND ST PETER'S PLACE, CANTERBURY)**

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council, as local traffic authority, and after consultation with the chief officer of police, proposes to establish three crossings (Zebra) for pedestrians under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as follows:

STATION ROAD WEST

8 metres north east of the junction with St Dunstan's Street, Canterbury

NORTH LANE

26 metres north east of the junction with St Dunstan's Street, Canterbury

ST PETER'S PLACE

6 metres north east of the junction with Tower Way, Canterbury

**VICTORIA PARK, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Victoria Park, Herne Bay, on or after 29 August 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Fenoulhet Way and Canterbury Road.

The alternative route is via Canterbury Road, B2205 High Street and Cavendish Road.

**WALDER CHAIN, BARHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway and kerbing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Walder Chain, Barham, on or after 13 August 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Walder Chain, Agerster Lane, A260 Canterbury Road, Eagle Lane, Church Lane, Gravel Castle Road (Rabbit Hole in reverse) and Derrington Downs.

**WATLING STREET, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new customer phone connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting southbound traffic on Watling Street, Canterbury, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 2 nights, between 7.00 pm and midnight.

The road will be closed to southbound traffic between St George's Lane and the A28 Rhodaus Lane / Upper Bridge Street.

The alternative route is via St George's Lane and St George's Street.

The order restricting the use of St George's Lane to buses and taxis will be suspended to allow its use as a diversion. Northbound traffic is unaffected.

HIGHWAYS - DOVER AREA

**BEAUTE LANE, STAPLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Beaute Lane, Staple, on or after 30 August 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from A257 Roman Road up to and including the junction with Rusham Road.

The alternative route is via A257 Roman Road, Preston Hill, Nash Road and Rusham Road.

**VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER AUGUST 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in the Dover area, on or after 13 August 2012, as shown below.

**MAXTON ROAD, DOVER** - closed from 13 August for up to 3 days

The road will be closed for its entire length

The alternative route is via Mount Road, Manor Rise, Manor Road, Approach Road and B2011 Folkestone Road

**MILL STREET, TEMPLE EWELL** - 29 August for 1 day, between 7.00 am and 5.00 pm

The closure is between High Street and Templar Road  
Alternative route High Street, London Road and Templar Road

**MINNIS LANE, RIVER** - closed on 30 August for 1 day, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm

The closure is between Lower Road and Lewisham Road  
Alternative routes

Southbound - Lower Road, Common Lane and Lewisham Road

Northbound - Lewisham Road, Crabble Road, London Road (River), London Road (Temple Ewell), Alkham Road (note 11' 6" (3.5 M) height restriction) and Lower Road.

**ALKHAM ROAD, TEMPLE EWELL** -

closed on 30 August for 1 night between 6.00 pm and 10.00 pm

closed on 31 August for 1 night between 6.00 pm and 5.00 am

The closure is between Kearsney Station and Lower Road  
The alternative route is via London Road (Temple Ewell) and Lower Road

HIGHWAYS - MAIDSTONE AREA

**BEARSTED ROAD, BOXLEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of new service connections to The Kent Institute of Medicine and Science, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bearsted Road, Boxley, on or after 13 August 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic from the roundabout (New Cut Road) to Gidd's Pond Cottages.

The alternative route is via New Cut Road, A20 Ashford Road, Roundwell, The Street, Ware Street.

**CHURCH ROAD, CHART SUTTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Road, Chart Sutton, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Warmlake Road and Chart Road.

The alternative route is via Church Road, Chart Road, Chart Hill Road, Warmlake Road.

**B2162 HAMPSTEAD LANE, YALDING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of repair works to Twyford Bridge, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2162 Hampstead Lane, Yalding, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at Twyford Bridge.

The alternative route is via B2015 Maidstone Road, A26 Tonbridge Road, B2163 Teston Lane, B2010 Lower Road, Smith Hill, Yalding Hill, High Street, B2162 Benover Road, Hampstead Lane.

**VICARAGE ROAD, YALDING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to lay a high voltage cable, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Vicarage Road, Yalding, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside the property "Wolverley".

The alternative route is via West Street, Hunton Hill, Upper Hunton Hill, B2163 Heath Road/Ewell Lane, Smith's Hill, B2010 Yalding Hill.

**VINTERS ROAD, MAIDSTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to lay ducts for new underground cables, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Vinters Road, Maidstone, on or after 13 August 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic from Huntsman Lane to the "No Entry" section.

The alternative route is via Albion Place, Andrew Boughton Way, A20 Ashford Road, Huntsman Lane.

**WATER LANE, HEADCORN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of repair works to Stephen's Bridge, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Water Lane, Headcorn, on or after 29 August 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the bridge.

The alternative route is via New House Lane, Waterman Quarters, Bletchenden Road, A274 Biddenden Road/Biddenden Lane/Wheeler Street/Station Road/High Street/North Street/Moat Road.

**WILLOW LANE, YALDING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Willow Lane, Yalding, on or after 13 August 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Queen Street and Pearsons Green Road.

The alternative route is via Queen Street, Pearsons Green Road.

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## HIGHWAYS

## THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**(VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Monday 27th August 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

**Schedule**

**Road Name:** Bockingford Lane, Tovil  
**Extent:** Hayle Mill Lane to Straw Mill Hill  
**Dates:** Start: 27th August 2012  
End: 28th August 2012  
**Diversion:** Hayle Mill Lane, Cave Hill, Straw Mill Hill, Stockett Lane

**Road Name:** A229 Staplehurst Road/Maidstone Road, Marden  
**Extent:** Stilebridge Lane to Chart Hill Road  
**Dates:** Start: 3rd September 2012  
End: 17th September 2012  
**Diversion:** Temporary 30mph speed restriction

**Road Name:** Laceys Lane, Linton  
**Extent:** Barnes Road to Redwall Lane  
**Dates:** Start: 10th September 2012  
End: 24th September 2012  
**Diversion:** Barnes Lane, Wheelers Lane, A229 Linton Hill, Redwall Lane

**Road Name:** Rigshill Road, Otterden  
**Extent:** Bunce Court Road to Stalisfield Road  
**Dates:** Start: 17th September 2012  
End: 1st October 2012  
**Diversion:** Stalisfield Road, Hart Hill, A20 Maidstone Road/Ashford Road, Hubbards Hill, Bunce Court Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate carriageway patching works to be undertaken by KCC Highways. For further information or comment please call John Reynolds on 08458 247 800.

## THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**(VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
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NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

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**Schedule**

**Road Name:** Warwick Place  
**Extent:** Bower Street to Tonbridge Road  
**Dates:** Start: 13th August 2012  
End: 20th August 2012  
**Diversion:** Tonbridge Road, Bower Street

**Road Name:** Albert Street  
**Extent:** From Perryfield Street for entire length  
**Dates:** Start: 20th August 2012  
End: 27th August 2012  
**Diversion:** Perryfield Street, Arundel Street, Perry Street

**Road Name:** Salisbury Road  
**Extent:** Boxley Road to Park Avenue  
**Dates:** Start: 28th August 2012  
End: 4th September 2012  
**Diversion:** Boxley Road, Grecian Street, Park Avenue

**Road Name:** Wheelers Lane, Linton  
**Extent:** Linton Hill to Barnes Lane  
**Dates:** Start: 3rd September 2012  
End: 17th September 2012  
**Diversion:** Westbound: A229 Linton Hill, Redwall Lane, Bonflower Lane Eastbound: Barnes Lane, Laceys Lane, Redwall Lane, A229 Linton Hill

**Road Name:** Grove Road  
**Extent:** Camp Way to A274 Sutton Road  
**Dates:** Start: 17th September 2012  
End: 24th September 2012  
**Diversion:** A274 Sutton Road, Mangravet Avenue, Camp way

**Road Name:** East Street, Hunton  
**Extent:** Hunton Road to West Street  
**Dates:** Start: 8th October 2012  
End: 22nd October 2012  
**Diversion:** Hunton Hill, Upper Hunton Hill, B2163 Heath Road, A229 Linton Hill, B2079 Maidstone Road, Underlyn Lane, Hunton Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate carriageway patching works to be undertaken by KCC Highways. For further information or comment please call John Reynolds on 08458 247 800.

## HIGHWAYS - SEVENOAKS AREA

**BOTSOM LANE, WEST KINGSDOWN  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Botsom Lane, West Kingsdown, on or after 13 August 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with Knatts Valley Road to A20 London Road.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Knatts Valley Road to A20 London Road. The alternative route is via: approaching from the north on Knatts Valley Road, the diversion route is south along Knatts Valley Road, then south east along Knatts Lane, North East along School Lane and finally north west along A20 London Road. The route when approaching from the south is the same but reversed.

**HARTLEY BOTTOM ROAD  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of the installation of a new water main, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hartley Bottom Road, on or after 13th August 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Hartley Hill Road and Idleigh Court Road.

The alternative route is via Hartley Bottom Road, B260 Main Road, Ash Road, North Ash Road.

**PIT LANE, EDENBRIDGE, SEVENOAKS  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pit Lane, Edenbridge, Sevenoaks, on or after 13 August 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have

been completed.

The road will be closed from Swan Lane to Ridge Way. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Swan Lane and Ridge Way.

The alternative route is via: approaching from the East the diversion route is West along Swan Lane, then South along Swan Ridge and East along Ridgeway. The diversion for traffic approaching from the West is the same but reversed.

## HIGHWAYS - SHEPWAY AREA

**NEW STREET, FOLKESTONE  
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

In the interests of road safety during gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting waiting at all times on New Street, Folkestone, on or after 13 August 2012 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

This applies to all sections of the southern side of New Street that are currently unrestricted.

## HIGHWAYS - SWALE AREA

**TUNSTALL ROAD, TUNSTALL  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Tunstall Road, Tunstall, on or after 31 August 2012 for up to 5 days, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junction with Bredgar Road and The Oast (in the vicinity of Tunstall Primary School).

The alternative route is via Hearts Delight Road, Bannister Hill, Borden Lane, Homewood Avenue, Ufton Lane, Gore Court Road, Woodstock Road and Tunstall Road.

The section of road is currently shown as Hearts Delight Road on the National Street Gazetteer, but in all common usage appears to be part of Tunstall Road.

## HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA

**CINDER PATH, BROADSTAIRS  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway pothole repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cinder Path, Broadstairs, on or after 30 August 2012 for up to 2 days, between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm.

The road will be closed between numbers 1 and 11.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Clarendon Road.

Access will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be some times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

**THE LENGTH, ST NICHOLAS AT WADE  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new gas supply to Alpha Cottage, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Length, St Nicholas at Wade, on or after 28 August 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Sea View Cottages and Elder Cottage, with no through access.

The alternative route is via Manor Road and A28 Canterbury Road.

**WHITEHALL ROAD, RAMSGATE  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Whitehall Road, Ramsgate, on or after 16 August 2012 for up to 2 evenings, between 6.00 pm and 11.00 pm.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Newington Road.

The alternative route is via Whitehall Road, St James' Avenue, Kings Avenue and Newington Road.

## HIGHWAYS - TONBRIDGE &amp; MALLING

**CASTLE WAY & OXLEY SHAW LANE, LEYBOURNE  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Castle Way & Oxley Shaw Lane, Leybourne, on or after 2 September 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic on Castle Way between the junctions of A20 London Road and Pump Close and there will be no access on Oxley Shaw Lane from A20 London Road.

The alternative route for Castle Way is via A20 London Road westbound, turn at roundabout junction Town Hill, A20 London Road eastbound and for Oxley Shaw Lane is via A20 London Road westbound, turn at roundabout junction Town Hill, A20 London Road eastbound, Castle Way, Lilliburn.

**RYARSH LANE, WEST MALLING  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of repairs to a rag stone wall and carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ryarsh Lane, West Malling, on or after 1 and 8 September 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed its full length.

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Dated 12th August 2012

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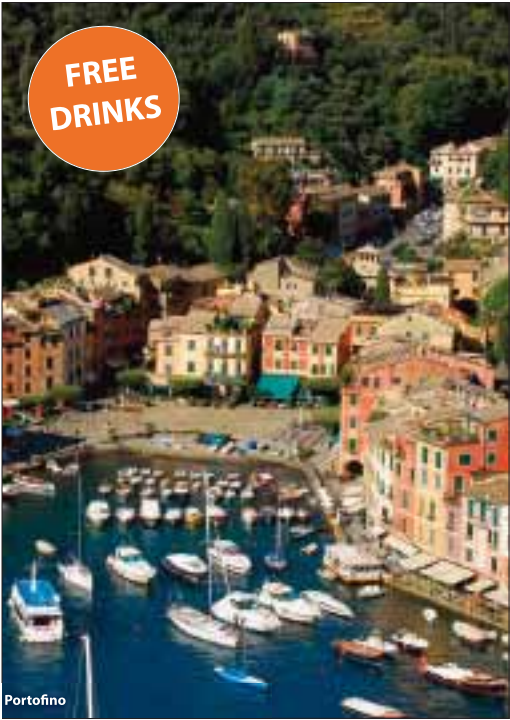
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## KENT TOURISM

## The Museum of Monstrosities

# Toast a host of horrors

A decidedly mixed bag of characters is the latest sign of a seaside town's revival, writes **Dave Mairs**

**T**HE rebirth of Margate as a seaside resort and its hopes of a bright new future took another bound forward this summer with a little help from the dark side.

The Museum of Monstrosities opened in the Old Town last month to reveal an attraction that you suspect will draw any number of jealous looks from rival coastal towns across the region – here is another tangible show of faith in Margate's emergence from the ashes of a troubled recent past that seemed to epitomise seaside decline.

It's in the swish Media Centre – or the old Lloyds Bank, for those of a longer tooth – that the museum has been established by Gary Pollard and Vicki Pepper, two friends who had studied theatre design at college in Nottingham almost 25 years ago.

It hosts, to quote the publicity, "objects that were never intended to be seen by the general public" but that have been "smuggled into England by operatives and agents of the secretive Non-Conformist Technologies".

More succinctly, exhibits include the likes of a dragon's egg, mermaid and werewolf skeletons and an alien grey – the stuff, maybe, of both legends and nightmares.

They are genuinely impressive, as you would expect from a man whose career as 'creature effects designer' in the movies has seen him work on such big-name ventures as Star Wars – The Phantom Menace, The Mummy, Alien 3, The Fifth Element and Harry Potter.

"I've been making effects for movies since 1993 – I know how to cut corners," said 51-year-old Gary.

Even so, the scale of the museum project has been immense. "It's all been in my own time – often after working a 12-hour day on a movie."

It was a reunion meeting with Vicki that set the museum in motion. She had thrown a party for old college friends and it was there that Gary talked about his plans.

"I've been living in Ramsgate for the past couple of years and was well aware of the planning and regeneration going on here," said Vicki, 52. "As soon as he told me what he



**HEADS UP:** The museum has been a labour of love for Gary Pollard and Vicki Pepper, inset

wanted to do, I thought that Margate was the perfect place for the museum."

Faith has played a large part in getting it to where it is now. "There has been little or no feedback up to this point, but now they've seen it people have responded so well," said Gary.

"There's more to do. This is in its most basic form – we have more material and we'll be upgrading and adding as the season goes on. This is a very basic statement – we're ambitious and what I'd like to have is a permanent home for the museum."

Where that is may depend, in part at least, on the response of the Kent public over the summer. As it stands, the museum closes its doors on Sunday, September 2, but the story will not be over then, regardless of how

successful the first season is.

"We have a back story and we go to private collections and archaeological digs – the material keeps growing," said Gary. "I fully intend to continue with this in some form – it doesn't end here, whatever happens."

"We couldn't have done this here without Vicki's local knowledge. I looked at what Margate could have in the future – we want people here to enjoy this. It gives the feeling that here's something a bit more maverick."

The exhibits comprise a mix of genuine and fabricated bones – the werewolf skeleton, for example, is totally fabricated. And, given the reality of the subjects, we can expect their physiology to be as accurate as... well, we might

expect. "I have a background in amateur biology and wanted to be a vet," said Gary. "You have to make the biology feasible."

Devoted to the museum project as they have been, both Gary and Vicki are keen to emphasise the role that other people have played. There is fireman Ed Symons, Vicki's partner, who has built much of the structure around the foyer; there is "props guy" Paul Constantinou; and there is Vicki's sister Penny, who has contributed financially. The list of all who have helped is too long to reel off in full, but their efforts are far from forgotten.

The wide and varied contributions are particularly pertinent when it comes to how much the whole thing has cost.

"The cost is hard to quantify," said Vicki. "There has been a lot of personal time and money, while family friends have

helped with things like pictures and posters. The help we've had has been fantastic. Suffice to say, we've done it on a shoestring."

And as it was Vicki who threw the party where, in a way, it all began, we'll leave the final word with her: "Gary told me it had been a dream of his to do this. I quite like working with dreams."

• **The Museum of Monstrosities, 11-13 King Street, Old Town, Margate CT9 1DD**  
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# FOOD & DRINK

## Flavours of Kent

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# A beacon of British talent that's close to the summit

A city the size of Canterbury should have more restaurants pushing to break into the top level of UK culinary excellence.

Not everyone can be awarded a Michelin star, but having the ambition to reach the higher echelons is important. One of those surely on the cusp of achieving something special is Deeson's British Restaurant. The buzz about this place is obvious, a substantial website showing the "Deeson's British way" having enticed me into an evening meal on a Monday night.

The restaurant was already full when we arrived, with the punters' natter and busy waiting staff creating a good atmosphere.

From minute one, I and my friend the chef were catered for but not smothered by superb service that also convinced us to go local with our drinks, the Curious Brew from Kent's Chapel Down quenching our thirst.

To start, I went for the lightly-battered home-grown courgette flower stuffed with white-and-brown crab mousse served with cherry tomato, shallot and herb dressing (£7). The dressing was addictive, the mousse light and a perfect appetiser. An interesting dish featuring the courgette flower, this was something different.

My friend went for the fish platter of smoked-

## RESTAURANT REVIEW



salmon mousse, white crab mayonnaise, breaded monkfish cheek, tiger prawns and whitebait (£9). A cheeky dip into the crab mayo and an assuring nod meant the dish was also well received and well priced given the contents.

For mains I opted for the roast free-range breast of chicken stuffed with smoked garlic sausage served with buttered cabbage, a potato pancake and a wild mushroom sauce (£16). The chicken breast was succulent, but the stuffing of smoked garlic sausage was disappointing as "stuffed" implied the sausage

meat would be inside the chicken and not under it – and also feature a little more than a coin-sized disc of meat.

The chef went for the slow-cooked belly of Brogdale fruit-fed pork served with bubble and squeak, a slow-cooked pig's cheek and pease pudding (£16.50).

He was pleased with his meal but pointed out that the tough cheek was a little over-cooked and couldn't be finished... but still good.

The desserts arrived. I had the melt-in-the-middle chocolate pudding served with candied hazelnuts and dark cherry ice-cream (£7), while he went for vanilla set cream served with fresh raspberries and raspberry-ripple ice-cream (£7).

Although superbly presented, both dishes had ice-cream as a large part of the ingredients, making the £7 mark too high. Yes, you get what you pay for in restaurants, but the extra couple of pounds made the meal go from good value to a little expensive at £78 for two.

Still, the variety was impressive and ambition is good trait. Deeson's could be going places.

Joe Bill

**Deeson's British Restaurant**  
Sun Street, Canterbury CT1 2HX  
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Website [www.deasonsrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.deasonsrestaurant.co.uk)

## All is lively and tasty down by the riverside

BRIDGES Wine Bar and Restaurant in Maidstone has had a great start following its opening three weeks ago.

The building had been in disrepair for more than four years before owner Michael Schembri refurbished it and gave the place a new lease of life. Business is thriving, which is brilliant news for the area, with 12 members of staff already having been recruited.

The upstairs of the venue, which houses à la carte diners, needs to be booked in advance to guarantee a seat. Music is also now on the menu every other Thursday and Sunday.

Bookings can be taken on 01622 753700.

## Folk Week kick-starts patriotic new flavour

MUSIC fans visiting Broadstairs Folk Week, which runs from Friday to Friday, August 10-17, can sample a patriotic new flavour of Kent Crisps – roast beef and Spitfire ale.

Visitors to the Kent Crisps stand at the craft fair in Victoria Gardens can try the hand-cooked snacks made with potatoes from Quex Park in nearby Birchington.

Other, established, flavours feature oyster and vinegar, Ashmore cheese and onion and Biddenden cider vinegar and sea salt.



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## New album, new tour Ballad-rockers return

Winter Gardens, Margate

Monday, December 3  
01843 292795

[www.margatewintergardens.co.uk](http://www.margatewintergardens.co.uk)

TOP pop-rock band Keane have announced their first UK tour in three years, and the group will be heading to Margate's Winter Gardens.

The ballad-singing band, who shot to fame with Brit Award-winning album *Hopes And Fears*, have finally finished recording their latest work and are looking to showcase it to their loyal fans on the new tour.

Four years have elapsed since Keane's last album, *Perfect Symmetry*, and with the top-selling *Under The Iron Sea* LP also to their name, it was probably time to resurface.

Having already sold out a gig at Folkestone's Leas Cliff Hall in May, the group have obviously seen it wise to target Kent fans again.

## Feel the noise! Glam-rockers join together

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

Wednesday, November 7

0844 84713015

[www.leascliffhall.co.uk](http://www.leascliffhall.co.uk)

SLADE and Sweet are rock icons and pioneers of the glam-rock phenomenon.

Now the rocking pair come together for a tour of the UK, including a stop at the Leas

Cliff Hall in Folkestone. Fans will be treated to Slade hits such as *Cum On Feel The Noize*, *Mama Weer All Crazee Now* and many more.

Throughout the 70s, Slade, right, became one of Europe's biggest bands, with 17 consecutive top 20 hits and six No 1s.

The group are perhaps best known for the classic holiday anthem *Merry Christmas Everybody*.

And alongside them, Sweet will perform mega-hits such as *Ballroom Blitz*, *Blockbuster* and *Done Me Wrong All Night*.



## Sun, sea, sand and splendour Water gala

Viking Bay, Broadstairs

Wednesday, August 22

01227 700894

[broadstairswatergala.co.uk](http://broadstairswatergala.co.uk)

GET down to the Broadstairs Water Gala next week for a day of family fun by the seaside at Viking Bay.

The show features three air displays, including the fabulous Yaks Aerostars followed by the aerobatic marvels of the RAF Tucano plus a classic flypast display by the vintage Boeing Stearman.

The packed day of attractions also features a sandcastle competition, beach games, mini-golf, seashore and rockpool discovery with the Rock Doc, nautical tales with walkabout characters, live music at the bandstand, a funfair and much more.

The funday will end with fireworks over the bay, making for a fantastic spectacle.

For more information on times and events, you can visit the website above.



## Crown glory Replica rocks on display

Royal Victoria Place

Shopping, Tunbridge Wells

Open until Sunday, August 12

Admission is free

A GLITTERING tribute to the world's most famous jewels is on display until Sunday in Royal Tunbridge Wells to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the

London Olympic Games 2012.

The Royal Rocks Exhibition is at the Royal Victoria Place shopping centre, showcasing replicas of the historic Crown Jewels of Great Britain.

This spectacular exhibition will provide an educational and interesting day out for all the family... and it's free!

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## High society Balloon and Ferrari fun

**Groombridge Place,  
near Tunbridge Wells**  
Sunday, August 19  
01892 861461

GET a taste of the high life at Groombridge Place Gardens when millions of pounds worth of sleek Ferraris and romantic hot-air balloons arrive for a one-off event.

Visitors will be able to take a close look at some of the most iconic cars in the world, with both classic and new Ferraris featured in the same show.

There will also be a collection of Ducati bikes on show, along with some fabulous scooters for vehicle fans as well as collection of MGs – some dating back to 1920.

The glamorous lifestyle continues with the hot-air balloons tethered in the grounds from 1pm before taking off at 6.30pm and providing a spectacular sight as they drift over the countryside.

See [www.groombridge.co.uk](http://www.groombridge.co.uk).



## Vintage buses on the road Historic rides

**Margate seafront**  
Saturday, August 18  
[www.mdekbusclub.org](http://www.mdekbusclub.org)  
Check for tour stop times

THE Dreamland Trust is celebrating the 60th anniversary of the M&D And East Kent Bus Club by taking to the roads of Kent for a rather special tour.

The journey will take the buses to Margate, where three of Thanet's veteran vehicles, with their drivers in vintage uniforms, will arrive just before midday.

The first stop will be outside Dreamland's Grade II-listed cinema on Marine Terrace for a rare photo opportunity. People can climb aboard for a short trip along the seafront to Margate's harbour area before the buses set off to Ramsgate to rejoin the wider Kent tour.

Starting in Chatham, it heads to Maidstone, Canterbury, Margate, Dover and Folkestone.



## Old stomping ground Skabour's back!

**Quarterhouse, Folkestone**  
Friday to Sunday, August 10-12  
01303 858500  
[www.folkestoneskabourfestival.co.uk](http://www.folkestoneskabourfestival.co.uk)

REEL Big Fish are just one of the big-name bands due to perform at this weekend's Skabour festival in Folkestone.

Set around the harbour and at Quarterhouse, the annual festival has become a popular destination for legions of Ska and 2 Tone fans.

Reel Big Fish headline Quarterhouse on Sunday, promising another of their hyperkinetic stage shows with juvenile humour and ironic covers of new-wave pop-ska.

Also in the festival line-up are Bad Manners and The Dualers, but look out for the pop-up Skabour shops that sell retro vinyl, CDs, T-shirts and other ska memorabilia. For more details on times and places, visit the website above.

## A feast of folk Music, dance, art and craft

**Broadstairs Folk Week**  
Fri to Fri, August 10-17  
01843 604080  
[broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk](http://broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk)

IT'S that time of year when eventive and creative people flock to Broadstairs for Folk Week.

The popular festival, which attracts thousands to the

Thanet town every year, has created a packed line-up of comedy, music, arts and non-stop entertainment.

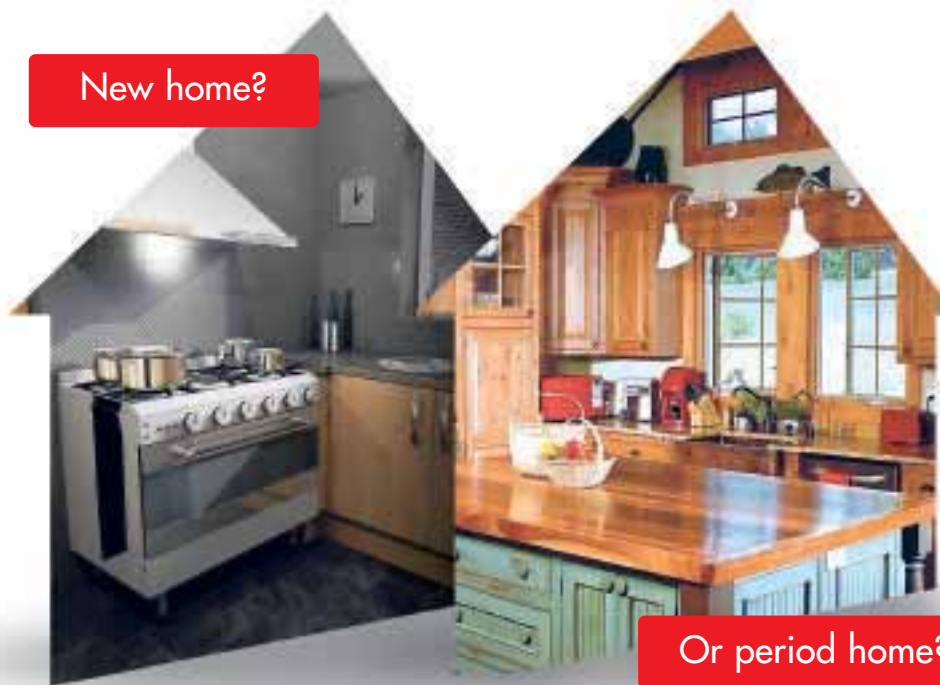
With more than 100 gigs at pubs and venues around the town and a campsite just 10 minutes' walk from the centre, Broadstairs will be buzzing.

Just some of the names announced include Eddi Reader, Oysterband, Benjamin Zephaniah, Feast of Fiddles, Maggie Lane and the Monster Ceilidh Band.

There are 70 events per day: check out the website to see times, dates and locations.



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Camaro will add muscle as Chevy continues to grow in UK

# Driving

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IT'S been dubbed Toyota's 'New Model Army' – a reference to Oliver Cromwell's disciplined war machine.

Whether the Japanese No 1 carmaker's four-model summer offensive will have the same devastating effect on the opposition remains to be seen, but it does signal the resource and determination of the brand.

We've already seen two of the new cars – the Yaris Hybrid supermini and rear-wheel-drive GT86 coupé – but the latter is really a small-volume/high-profile sideshow, reminding everyone of glory days when the brand boasted a sub-range of sporting stars such as the Supra, Celica and MR2.

The real thrust of this summer push is promotion of petrol-electric hybrid technology, in which Toyota has staked so much.

Here the earlier arrival of the Yaris Hybrid was a curtain-raiser for two more hybrids wearing the now-famous Prius name.

The standard Prius (from £21,600) is already the most recognised hybrid model on the planet, but a new variant has now arrived wearing the same body, concealing extra kit beneath it.

This is the Prius Plug-In – priced from £27,895 after deduction of the Government's £5,000 ultra-low-emissions vehicle grant.

Users can plug the car into the mains or a special charging point for just 90 minutes to give this Prius version about 15 miles' range at speeds of up to 50mph, running solely on emissions-free electric power.

For many users that range will be enough for nearby stops and drops or a local commute, without resorting to the onboard 1.8-litre engine.

On the other hand, longer runs can be tackled without worrying about the so-called range anxiety, which drivers suffer when using all-electric vehicles; once the battery is exhausted, the engine takes over.

But Toyota isn't just targeting the eco-conscious and early-adopter techno-fans as the Prius Plug-In attracts a benefit-in-kind tax rate of just 5 per cent for company-car user-choosers and, with CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of just 49g/km, is well below the 100g threshold requiring payment of road tax.

On the eve of launch, the car confirmed its eco-friendliness by landing the 'Large Family Car' gong in the 2012 awards staged by the website Next Green Car.

But the Prius Plug-In is not the only Prius debutante: Toyota has also launched the Prius+ (from £26,195), the market's first seven-seater full hybrid, a compact people-carrier/MPV with road-tax-exempt 96g/km of CO<sub>2</sub> and an official combined fuel economy of 68.9mpg in entry-level T4 format.

Both this and the Prius Plug-In share a new, lighter and more compact lithium-ion battery pack. In the case of the Prius+, this has allowed the design of an all-new body with five separate folding rear seats.



SPOTLIGHT ON... TOYOTA PRIUS PLUG-IN

Price:	£27,895
Driving appeal:	Not driven yet
Image:	★★★★
Space:	★★★★
Value:	★★
Running costs:	★★★★★
Reliability:	★★★★★
How green?:	★★★★★
Best rival:	Vauxhall Ampera

## Toyota launches attack on the green front with hidden extras



**SHOCK TREATMENT:** Toyota's Prius Plug-In, top, has a 15-mile range while travelling at speeds of up to 50mph, running solely on electric power before using its 1.8-litre engine while the Prius+, left, is the first seven-seater full hybrid people-carrier

### DON'T LIKE

... the extra price to pay over and above a standard Prius, even after deduction of the Government grant, but technology costs – as ever.

### NOT SURE

... the 15-mile electric range will be enough for some. Many may look at the stylish Vauxhall Ampera/Chevrolet Volt's claimed 25-50 miles.

### REALLY LIKE

... the pace of progress we are seeing in the hybrid sector, which is now looking better able to compete with conventional eco-diesels.



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# Peugeot baby's fixed-fee deal is a winner, you Just Add Fuel

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IT'S no wonder that carmakers are sniffy about making small motors.

They can be as much trouble to make as big ones but you can't charge big-car money, so profit margins are tight.

They don't do much for brand image, either.

But manufacturers can't afford to ignore them now as the drive to downsize and economise gathers pace – to cut fuel bills, emissions and insurance.

No wonder that the VW Audi Group this year launched the broadly-similar VW Up, Skoda Citigo and Seat Mii – three cars for the price of one.

But if this seemed novel, Toyota, Peugeot and Citroën got there first with their 'Attack of the Clones' city car in 2005 – the Aygo, 107 and C1 respectively.

Not surprisingly, a road test of the latest 107 reveals how this other joint effort is showing its age now, even if another facelift suggests that it will soldier on for a while.

At least this makeover is better than the 107's midlife-crisis edition; at the time, I reported that the remodelled front end looked like a vacuum-cleaner nozzle.

The new one is far more in keeping with the 107's funky looks, even if the test car's 'Plum' colour is like something from a nail-varnish palette. Then again, despite earlier efforts to pull the boys with versions wearing go-faster stripes and alloys, this always was a cute car more for the ladies.

Inside, the layout is funky rather than luxurious and, though the test car was an Allure flagship, I reckon the cheaper models are best value.

The dashboard looks a little cheap, with quite a lot of reflection from the upper surface on to the steeply-raked windscreen. There is also a lot of bare metal in the car and the rear windows pop out rather than wind up and down – even on the five-door model.

PEUGEOT 107 ALLURE 5-DR : PRICE £10,045

## FACT FILE



Driving appeal:	★★★★
Image:	★★★★
Space:	★★★★★
Value:	★★★★★
Running costs:	★★★★★
Reliability:	★★★★
How green?:	★★★★★
Road tax:	Zero
Best rival:	Skoda Citigo

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## BREAKING THE MOULD:

Peugeot's 107 has definitely benefited from a recent facelift and now boasts a funkier body outside and striking new interior, but it's Peugeot's Just Add Fuel deal that should see it become a big hit with young motorists

Deep pockets in the lower dashboard are great for swallowing loads of stuff, though not closed off from prying eyes.

A pair of minimalist door pockets contain the speakers for the sound system, but a piece of door pocket partway across a speaker grille can't help sound output – indeed, the 107's sound system does seem a bit tinny.

The cabin seats four and is spacious, but the boot is minimalist, especially against the biggest-in-class version in the rival VW series.

But I like the big dial switches flanking the heater/ventilation unit and the front seats are comfy, even if the rear pair is rather upright and possibly uncomfortable on long trips.

It's a great little car to drive, though; the three-cylinder engine is willing and has a light gearbox, so you can have some fun. In town, it's in its element but not outclassed on motorway

cruising, though the engine can sound thrashy at times.

Driven sensibly, you should average 60+mpg and low emissions mean no road tax; motoring doesn't come much cheaper than this, with prices from just £7,995, though I can't help pointing out that Skoda's newer Citigo starts from £7,630.

But Peugeot does have a secret weapon that's possibly too secret. It's a scheme called Just Add Fuel (JAF) and it does what it says on the tin.

New-car-buyers from the age of 21 can get a three-year fixed-price package including insurance for a set monthly payment – from £179 per month in the case of the 107.

The only headache? They just have to add fuel – not much, as you will have gathered.

This seems like a no-brainer for young drivers or those on tight incomes.

## First GEAR

## MOTORING NEWS



## A-Class set to win with style

MERCEDES-BENZ will shake up the premium hatchback sector in December by launching a different type of A-Class.

The new model abandons the mini-MPV profile of its two predecessors in favour of a low-slung look that could outgun the BMW 1 Series and Audi A3.

Mercedes aims to sweeten the deal with tempting PCP deals starting at £249 a month.



## Top Lexus has F Sport looks

LEXUS'S flagship LS model has followed the mid-range GS in getting the more aggressive styling applied by Toyota's premium brand.

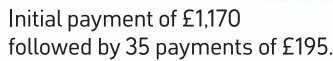
In addition to the standard LS460 and hybrid LS600h version, it will also be available for the first time with a sporting variant, using the F Sport sub-branding deployed by Lexus to attack its more overtly performance-orientated German rivals.



## Astras receive BiTurbo boost

VAUXHALL already offers its stunning BiTurbo performance diesel in the Insignia family class and Astra GTC models.

Now it's the turn of the five-door and Sports Tourer (estate) Astra to get the marque's most powerful ever diesel, giving everyday Astra-buyers access to 0-60mph in under eight seconds while averaging about 50mpg with low emissions incurring £120-a-year road tax.



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## MOTORING

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# Chevy adds muscle to UK sales drive

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ONE of America's best-known car brands clearly wants to be the same here.

Chevrolet is already outperforming the UK car market by a factor of 10: UK car registrations rose 2.7 per cent from January to June, but the biggest motor brand at General Motors boosted its sales by 27 per cent.

So far this has come from offering decently-made value cars evoking some of the brand's American heritage in styling, although all are made in the Far East.

At least they were until now, because Chevy has played a major card in the heritage game by importing the latest incarnation of the legendary

Camaro V8 muscle car – a long-time favourite bedroom-wall pin-up.

OK, so it's actually made just across the border from the States in Canada's motor city of Oshawa, but the Camaro is an all-American beast, with a massive 432PS (426bhp) on tap from a descendant of the classic General Motors 'small block' V8.

In coupé form, it does 0-62mph in 5.2 seconds – the convertible takes 5.4 – but you'll be lucky to average 20mpg; you can't have it in right-hand-drive; and, with prices from £35,025 for the coupé and £40,025 for the crop-top, you could have a Porsche Boxster.

But there is a point being missed here: Chevy doesn't expect to sell many Camaros, but it expects the Camaro to sell many Chevys by

association with this brutish icon – this is the halo car the brand needed to really put it on the map with buyers, even if it hasn't been doing too badly anyway.

Chevrolet says the car has been Europeanised for export, but it does feel a bit crude and heavy against more obvious rivals like a Jaguar XK, even if it looks good value then, with prices for the Jag starting at £65,000.

It also felt vast when I piloted it along some un-American narrow leafy lanes, although I was surprised at how taut the chassis felt when cornering.

The interior feels very American, too, but that's all part of the car's charm and goes with the muscular exterior.

The clincher for those who fancy it, though,

will be the sound of that V8 engine – even better with the roof down on the convertible.

It's a surprisingly muted burble low down the rev range, but it starts growling at about 4,000rpm or when you really hit the throttle.

Which is also what Chevrolet is doing on the sales front, now topping that 27 per cent growth over the first six months of 2012, by launching a zero per cent finance deal on mainstream models.

This means the big-selling Aveo five-door supermini, pictured above, starts at £9,895 or £139 per month, while the bigger Cruze Hatchback is £12,495 or £179 per month.

All Chevys, except the Volt hybrid and Camaro and Corvette sports cars, also come with a five-year warranty.

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## OLYMPICS

# Journey ends for Shaw with no repeat of Beijing medal win

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IN a week which saw Olympic medals being dished out left right and centre for Team GB, it was just one sail too far for a Kent athlete.

Tunbridge Wells windsurfer Bryony Shaw, 29, was tipped as a medal prospect before the Games, having come away with a bronze in Beijing four years ago.

She went into the final double points medal race in seventh position and still had a chance of staking a late claim for silverware.

However, she needed to win the final race of the 11-race series and hope the girls ahead of her in the standings fell well down the fleet.

Unfortunately it wasn't to be as she could only manage fifth in Weymouth with Spain's Marina Alabau Neira taking gold, Finland's Tuuli Petaja claiming silver, and Poland's Zofia Noceti-Klepcka winning bronze.

"It was tricky in this type of wind," she said. "I put in my best race I could but it was not to be a medal this time. To not come away with a medal I'm gutted but I've enjoyed the journey. Each day you have to be positive. My penultimate day where I won a race, I think my positive attitude got me to that point and I really enjoyed that race."

She admitted it had been a hard 12 months after battling a



Picture: RICHARD LANGDON

chest infection which has persistently hampered her build up to the Games.

"It's been a tough year. I've had a bit of illness and not been able to physically prepare like I would have liked to," she said.

"Probably three months out of eight I have basically had to rest and recover, which is a bit of a shame.

"I'm not as physically fit as I'd like to have been. My forearms gave up in that race. It hasn't been the best series for me but I'm happy to be coming out with a smile on my face and an acceptance of where I am at.

"It's been a great four years,

me and my coach, Dom, have worked really hard and it's been a great journey."

She thanked everyone for their support and it's not all doom and gloom that she didn't win a medal.

"It's just so great to feel their support. I'd like to say a huge thank you to those guys and all the messages I've had on Facebook and Twitter," she said.

"Windsurfing is such a great life, I'm going back home to a great life and it's not all heartache that I haven't got a medal here. The stars needed to align and unfortunately the other girls put in a great week and

that's hats off to them."

There was better news in the week for Ashford runner Lisa Dobriskey who was happy to have made the 1500m final after easing through the heats and running a perfectly timed tactical semi-final race on Wednesday evening ahead of the Friday night final.

The former Southlands School pupil endured an injury nightmare in the lead-up to the Games, with specialists telling her to quit running to allow blood clots on her lungs to clear, just weeks before the GB Olympic Trials.

She said: "Did I think then that I would make the final? Not at all. When I sat down, the specialist we went to see looked me in the eye and said 'you should give up.'

"I thought 'that's the worst thing you can possibly say to me because it makes me even more determined'.

"At that moment I really had a turning point and decided, no, I'm definitely not giving up on this and kept dreaming and kept believing so I'm really grateful to be here."

The 2006 Commonwealth Champion and 2009 World Championship silver-medallist also revealed: "My husband Ricky (Soos, former GB 800m runner) and I watched a film and there was a pendant in it, St Jude, the patron saint of lost causes. He bought me the pendant as I was a lost cause.

"I've worn it every single day and it's paid off."

**GUTTED:**

Byrony Shaw missed out on a medal at Weymouth after clinching bronze in Beijing four years ago

## CRICKET

## Delay in signing a new contract isn't a worry for star all-rounder who wants to see out his career at county

KENT star Darren Stevens feels like he has plenty more to give the county and is hoping to extend his expiring contract sooner rather than later.

Stevens has often been a key man for Kent this season with bat and ball. Last month the all rounder passed 10,000 first class runs and also confirmed his place as highest run scorer in domestic T20 cricket history, despite Kent Spitfires failing to make it out of the group stage of the competition.

There's no doubt the 36-year-old would be an asset to any county in the country, which is why fans are eager to see him sign a new contract at the St Lawrence Ground before it expires at the end of the season.

Despite the length of time it has taken, Stevens insists there is no doubt in his mind where he will be playing next season.

"It will all be sorted hopefully sometime this week," he said. "I wouldn't want anything else

(other than to play at Kent). Kent gave me a second chance seven years ago and this is my home now and I'm very comfortable down here.

"I feel like I have a couple more years to give to the club and to the fans. I would have liked my contract to be sorted out before the start of the season.

"I'm very happy with Jimmy coming into the club and the way the youngsters have come through and the senior players who have signed. "The club is in a really strong position at the moment."

He said the hold up was down to being final checks being made on the small print.

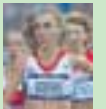
"There are a few clauses the club have put in and my agent is reading through it, it's just about getting him to clarify things really, that's all it is really."

He wouldn't say how much longer he could play for, but joked: "It depends how much Keysey (captain Rob Key) wants me to bowl."

## KENT'S OLYMPIC ROUND-UP



**LISA DOBRISKEY:** The Ashford running ace won her heat in the 1500m on Monday lunchtime in a slow pace of 4.13.32s, and then ran the perfect race to qualify for Friday night's final with a fourth place in Wednesday night's semi-final.



**ASHLEY JACKSON:** Team GB hockey star Jackson, from Tunbridge Wells, continued his great form at the Olympics with a goal in the draw against Spain on Tuesday which set up the semi-final showdown against the Netherlands on Thursday night.



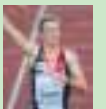
**ADAM GEMILI:** Dartford's Gemili showed he could compete with the best in the 100m, finishing third in his semi-final, beaten only by Tyson Gay and eventual silver medallist Yohan Blake. He still has interest in the Games as part of the 4x100m relay team.



**KAT DRISCOLL:** The Chatham trampoline gymnast was left heartbroken at missing out on a place in last weekend's finals by a fraction of a point. She finished ninth overall in the competition, but can be proud of her efforts on the world stage.



**JACK GREEN:** Maidstone's Green crashed out of the 400m hurdles in the semi-final quite literally on Saturday after hitting a hurdle, however he ran a blistering third leg of the 4x400m relay on Thursday to get Team GB into the final this weekend.



**JEN WILSON:** Canterbury ladies' star Wilson finished on the losing side as South Africa's women's hockey team suffered a heartbreaking 2-1 golden goal defeat to Japan on Wednesday in the eighth and ninth place play-off match.



Picture: ADY KERRY

**HOME:** Darren Stevens is happy with life at Kent

FOOTBALL

# Birthday boy Allen looking forward to Bristol opener

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MARTIN Allen has praised the spirit of his Gillingham squad, which he believes is now ready for the new season.

Allen has been in charge for more than a month now and is happy with the progress his side have made throughout pre-season. He is especially pleased with the attitude and discipline they've shown.

With the friendlies all finished, it's down to business as he gets ready for the opening game in the Capital One Cup against Bristol City on Tuesday, which is also his 47th birthday, before Bradford visit in the league next Saturday.

"They have all worked so hard since I've been here and I'm very proud of them all," he said. "Their attitude, discipline and focus is good and they've done really well."

"The squad is ready – they can all play and I believe they will all play a part. There are a lot of games coming thick and fast."

The Gills tasted defeat for the first time under Allen, going down 3-0 to Watford on Tuesday in their last pre-season friendly. It was a game that saw striker Deon Burton make his debut after signing a one-year deal earlier in the day.

He said: "There's going to be ups and downs, let's not kids ourselves. There will be ups and downs for the next 10 months, but I think the supporters could see from the second half when we added some senior players we looked much stronger. They all look happy and there is no shouting or raving."



**HARD WORK:** Allen is happy with the discipline and togetherness shown by his squad in pre-season

"We have very few injuries and what we have got is minor, so hopefully by the time the Bradford game comes around we will be at full strength. You have to be careful at times not to go chasing results because the important thing is the long-term goal, which is fitness, power, strength, conditioning and flexibility."

"We train hard a day before games and you see how the players react – it's all been part of their training."

"We are in Friday, the players are off Saturday and me and John Schofield will go up to Notts County to watch Bradford play in the afternoon and then Sunday and Monday we will train."

RUGBY LEAGUE

## Dragons roar into the play-offs but there's no pressure

MEDWAY Dragons are just 80 minutes away from a shot at promotion after a late surge into the play-offs.

After languishing at the lower end of the table during the first part of the season, the Dragons have roared into life in the past two months and on the final day of league action last Saturday they clinched third place with a thumping 52-10 win over Southampton Spitfires, who finished second.

It sets up a play-off semi-final against the same side this Saturday, which if won will see them play table-toppers Portsmouth Navy Seahawks or the Guildford Giants, who finished in fourth, next weekend in a winner-takes-all promotion match.

They finished level on points with the Giants but had a superior points difference.

Coach Mark Roughsedge was pleased the team had peaked at exactly the right time.

"It's buzzing," he said. "There's a lot of positivity around the place at the moment. We are hitting form at exactly the right time – if there is a



**PEAK:** Dragons are hitting form

time to peak, then it is now." He will be hoping the side can continue to perform under pressure as they did in their last two outings when they punished Greenwich Admirals 68-22 and the Spitfires last weekend when it mattered. "It was a matter of getting the job done," he said. "At the back of their minds the players knew what the outcome would be [if they won], but we took the pressure out of the game. We had a disappointing start to the season, but it was about building for the play-offs."

ICE HOCKEY

## Parrish puts final piece in the jigsaw for Dynamos

INVICTA Dynamos have continued their rebuilding process for the forthcoming season with the signing of Tom Avery.

It is a welcome boost to Kevin Parrish's defensive options for the Dynamos, and Avery comes with a wealth of experience, having helped the Chelmsford Chieftains win the play-off final last season.

Parrish was delighted to finally get his man, having watched Avery for the last couple of years.

He said: "I've liked the look of Tom for the past couple of years. He's not a big D-man, but he's got good movement and superb technical ability and might just be the final piece in the jigsaw."

He said he hoped to give Avery more of a chance to play this year after he failed to get a regular starting place at Chelmsford.

"He probably didn't get all the ice time he deserved last year, but he's got the chance to prove himself with us," he said.

Avery is one of a number of new arrivals at the Gillingham-based club. He joins former Chelmsford team-mate, netminder David Wride, forward Bradley Watchorn



**PARRISH:** Three weeks to go

and Finnish player Peter Vaisanen, as well as a host of familiar faces re-signed from last season.

The Dynamos start their new season in just three weeks with a home tie against Milton Keynes Thunder on Saturday, September 1.

CRICKET ROUND-UP



## Lordswood stay in title hunt with win

LORDSWOOD halted Sevenoaks Vine's climb up the table and kept themselves in the chase for a top-four finish with a two-wicket home win.

The visitors decided to bat first after winning the toss and posted 175 all out. Amjad Khan and Jack Laraman were both in form with the ball, taking three wickets each.

Jonathan Prince led the reply with a steady 59 before a middle-order collapse. But tail-enders Laraman (23) and Daniel Masters (32) led them to victory as they finished on 179 for 8.

In Division Three, High Halstow were kept dangerously near the bottom of the table after coming up against an inspired Chestfield.

Neil Gowers led the way for Chestfield, hitting an unbeaten 86, while Tim Collins rapped 70 as they reached 242 for 5 despite the best efforts of Ashley Trigg, who took 4-26, while Dave Coyle claimed the other wicket.

Josh Coates tried to drag his side to a win with an impressive 89, while Bhakta Das (18) and tail-end Sam Kember (22) also pitched in, but it was in vain as they were all out for 191.

In Division Four, Rainham needed to pick up points to claw themselves away from the relegation zone, but they slumped to a six-wicket defeat at the hands of high-flying Nonnington.

Rainham batted first but struggled to find a rhythm until Phil Bellars hit an unbeaten 60 in the middle of the order as they were 132 all out.

Nonnington made short work of the reply, with Kieron Burrett hitting 56 on their way to 133 for 4. Nick Plumridge took two wickets for 33 runs from his 15 overs, which included five maidens.

KENT CRICKET LEAGUES							
PREMIER DIVISION							
	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts	
Hartley Country Club	14	8	1	4	2	180	
Blackheath	14	8	1	16	15	168	
Sevenoaks Vine	14	7	1	10	20	164	
Bexley	14	7	2	16	15	155	
Lordswood	14	7	0	13	15	148	
Bickley Park	14	7	0	11	15	138	
Beckenham	14	6	0	12	9	131	
Canterbury	14	5	1	8	21	121	
Bromley	14	6	1	13	21	118	
Tunbridge Wells	14	5	0	16	18	100	
DIVISION THREE							
Addington Village	14	12	0	4	1	221	
Catford Wanderers	14	10	0	1	8	209	
Chestfield	14	8	0	7	10	181	
Old Elthamians	14	7	0	8	15	171	
Old Wilsonians	14	5	1	15	21	154	
Holmesdale	14	5	1	9	18	129	
Old Colfeians	14	3	1	8	25	115	
Downham & Bellingham	14	2	0	11	15	94	
High Halstow	14	1	0	12	17	89	
Harvel	14	1	0	9	20	81	
DIVISION FOUR							
Cowdrey	14	9	1	6	8	200	
Nonnington	14	8	2	13	9	186	
Macknade	14	7	1	12	18	180	
Sidcup	14	5	2	16	23	167	
Minster (Sheppey)	14	5	0	9	21	154	
Rodmersham	14	4	0	11	22	133	
Betteshanger CW	14	3	1	11	23	128	
Bexleyheath	14	3	1	11	22	115	
Rainham (Kent)	14	2	0	18	29	99	
Gravesend RF	14	1	2	14	26	92	



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